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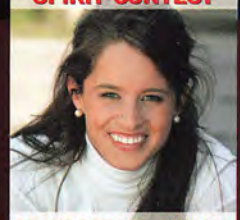

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In your profession, it is inevitable that you will face the struggle of having to replace one of your highly valued staff members in your organization. Fortunately I haven't had to deal with that here at Athlon Sports in a number of years. But imagine having to do that every few years. That is the reality college coaches face in all sports. In college football, most players who contribute to a program at a high level do so for two to three years. Quarterbacks come and go. Receivers are running fade routes one year, then working out for pro scouts the next. We write about the changes every spring.

But this summer some very high-profile schools are auditioning replacements at the highest-profile position on their team — quarterback. Texas, USC and Penn State ended last season ranked 1-2-3, and now begin their quests in 2006 to be the best in the land with new signal-callers. Texas without Vince Young, USC without Matt Leinart and Penn State without Michael Robinson. Now that is three big pairs of shoes to fill.

See how these schools, as well as other top programs such as Alabama and Georgia, are coping with these changes in our story, Next in Line, on page 28. At least two of those three teams should be in the national championship hunt, so there will be little room for error for the youngsters.

One famous school aching for another national title seems to have most of the ingredients in place. The Fighting Irish return quarterback Brady Quinn, who is a leading Heisman Trophy candidate, and have one of the brightest offensive minds in college football on the sidelines. Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis endeared himself quickly to the Irish faithful, but is he the next Knute Rockne? We posed the question, and you can read the arguments evaluating Weis on page 42.

Of course, the question fans begin asking us in March is "Who's No. 1?" Is it Ohio State with Heisman candidates at quarterback (Troy Smith) and receiver (Ted Ginn Jr.)? What about Notre Dame with Weis, Quinn and Co.? Can USC possibly be back in the hunt without Leinart, Reggie Bush and LenDale White, among others? Texas? Florida? Gators coach Urban Meyer is known for amazing results in year two. West Virginia showed Georgia just what blazing speed could do as the Mountaineers dominated the Bulldogs through the first half of the Sugar Bowl last January. West Virginia returns two electrifying players in sophomores Pat White at quarterback and Steve Slaton at tailback.

All of these teams received ample support during our annual hunker-down-in-the-dungeon-for-72-hours-without-food-or-water predictions meetings recently. (Actually, there's plenty of food and beverages, and 72 hours is a stretch, but we play the martyr card whenever we can around the office.) But the team that stood above the rest was those little-talked-about (these days) Sooners from Oklahoma. I'll spare you the sales pitch here; you can read that on page 44. But the Sooners were pretty overwhelming last season when Heisman candidate Adrian Peterson was on the field. And the Red River Shootout may be the only serious threat on the schedule.

The first step to building a national title contender is recruiting. Judging from message boards and talk shows in January, and the media frenzy stirred by National Signing Day, the quality of recruiting classes can make or break coaches' careers. But do these "can't miss" prodigies always pan out? Our own Mitchell Light investigated the 2001 signing class based on Athlon's Top 50 signees that year. See how the studs of five years ago progressed (or regressed) on page 34. We think it will give you a different perspective of National Signing Day and prove that big-time recruits don't automatically become All-Americans. You can see how we project this year's crop of recruits on page 73. Our regional conference previews and team analyses begin on page 113.

On the back page, you can find the entire ranking of all 119 teams. For those of you who appreciate a little taste of coverage of every team outside this region, our National College Football edition offers a terrific overview of the season from a national perspective.

We'd love to hear how accurate you think our ranking is of all 119 teams. It's always fun to compare our readers' predictions of all the teams. Email us at editor@athlonsports.com.

Enjoy the season!

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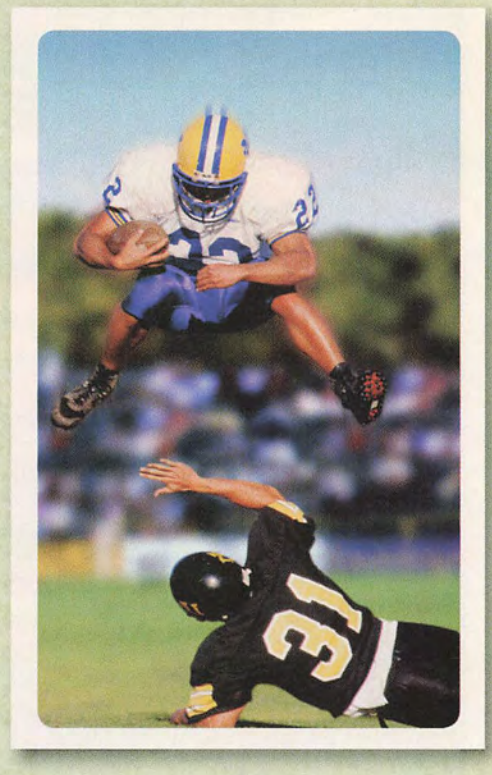

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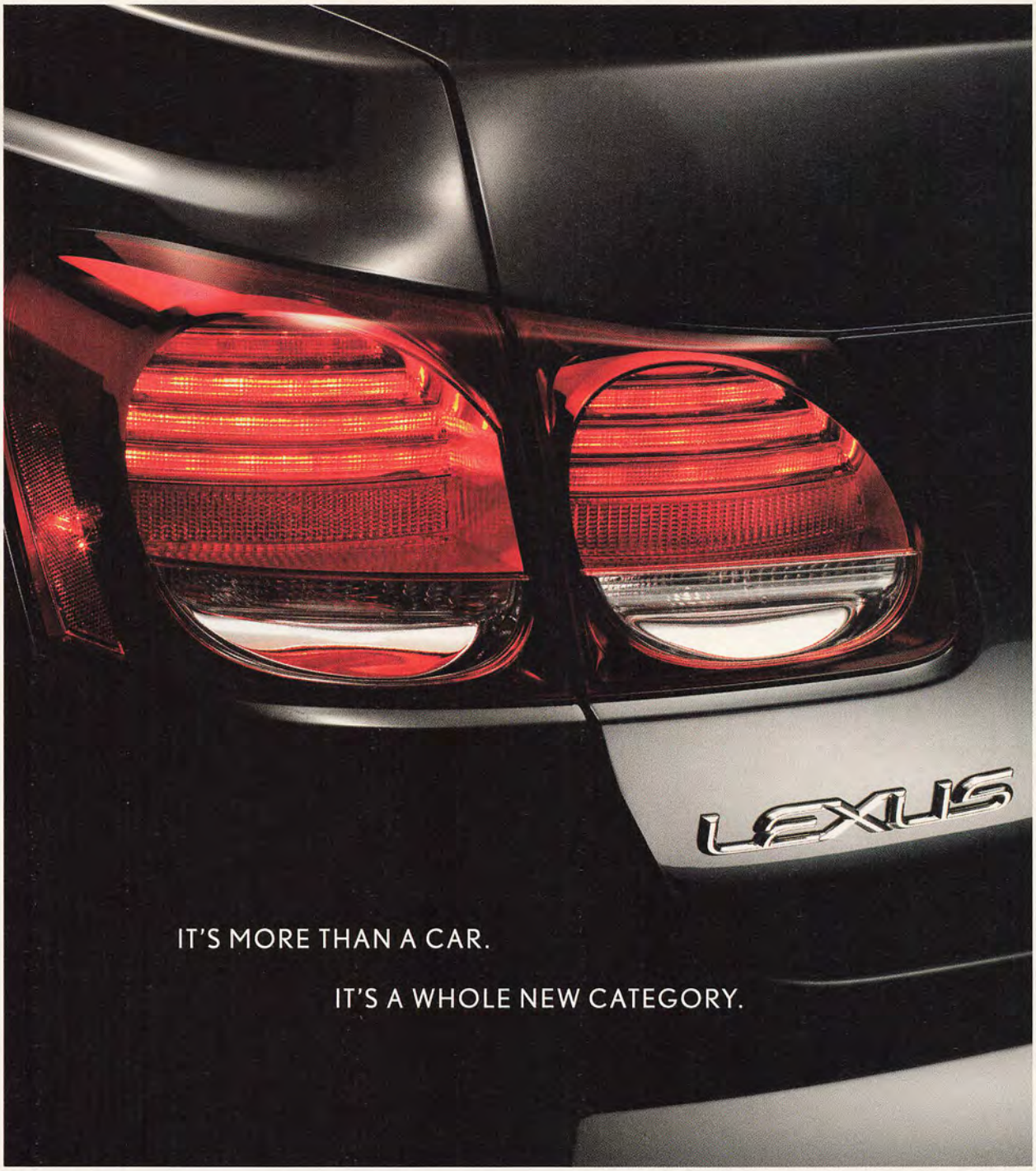

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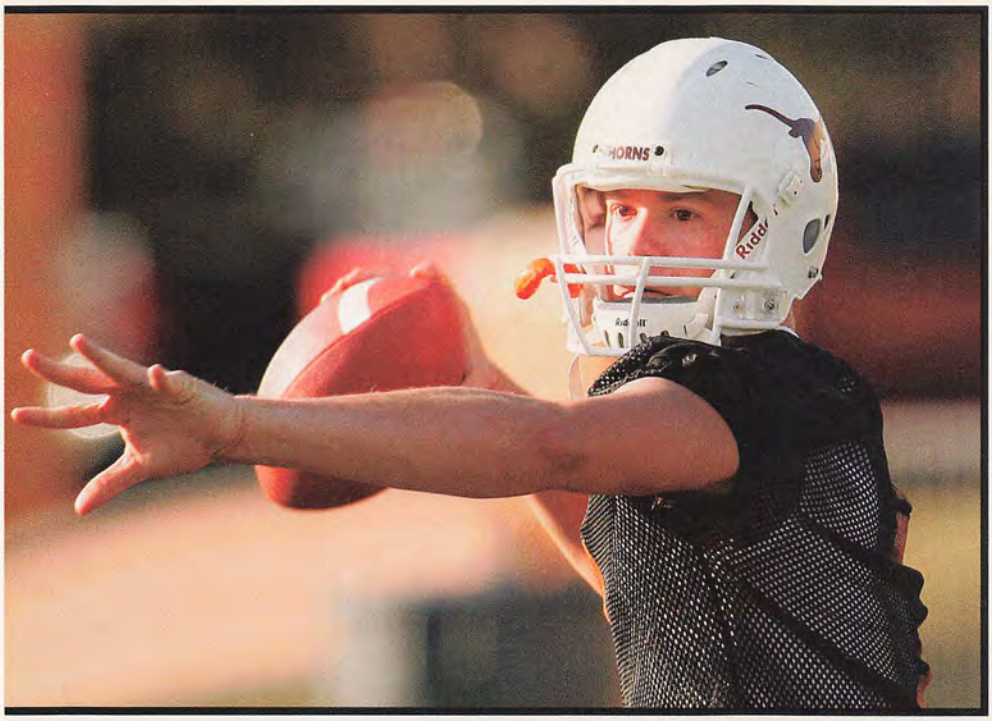

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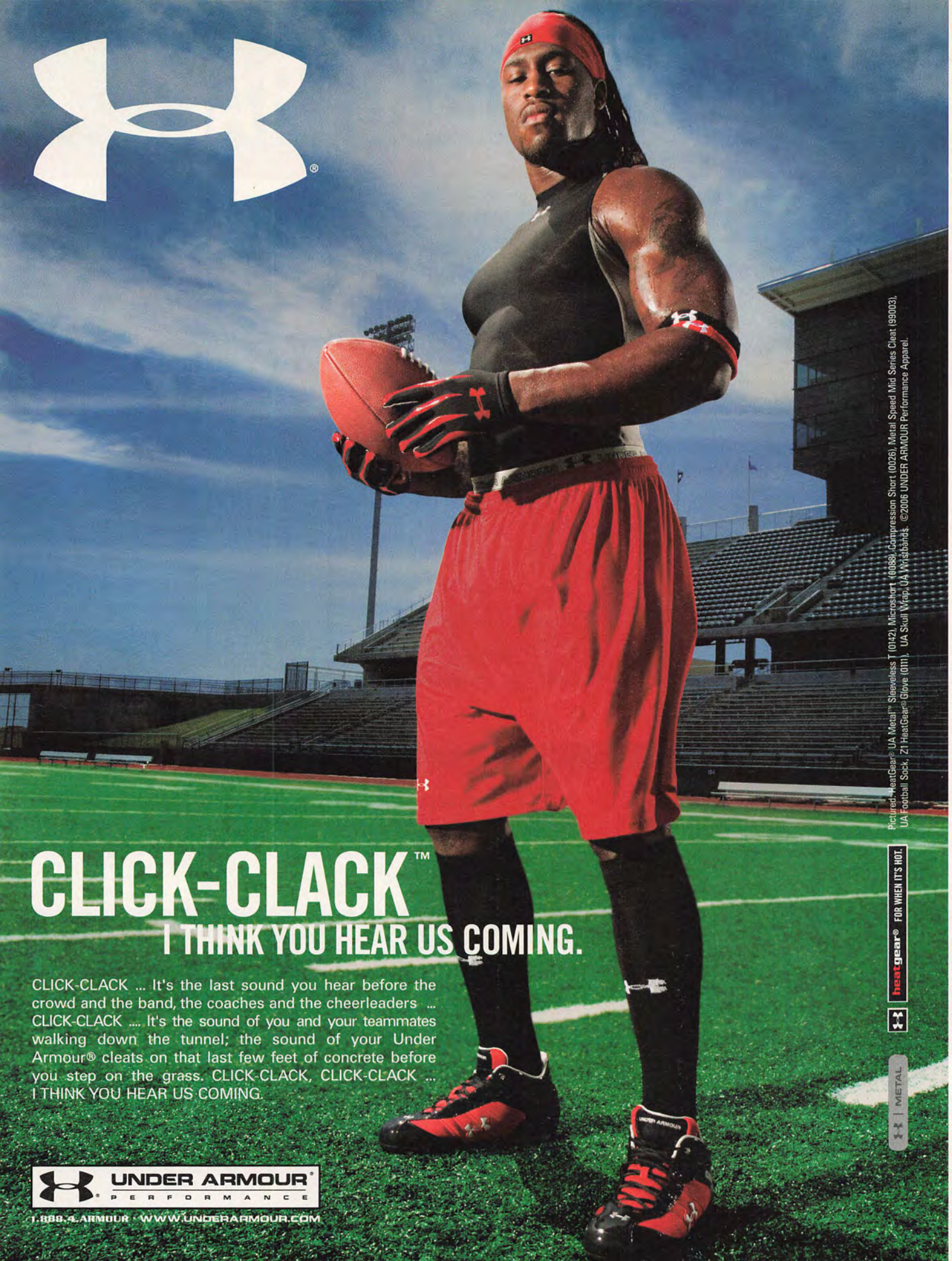
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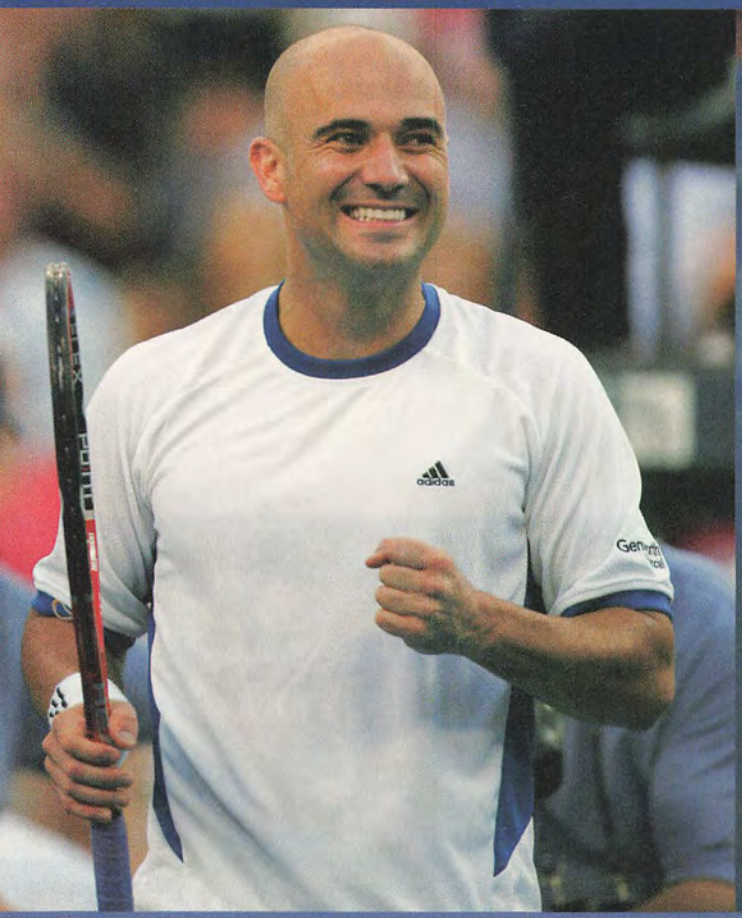

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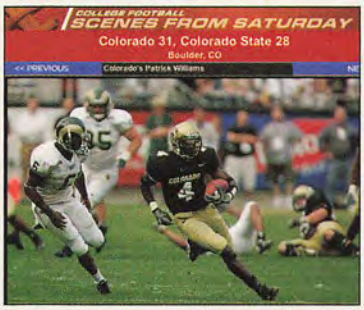

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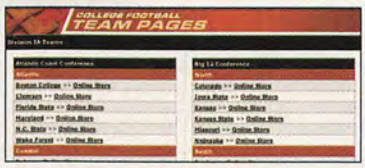

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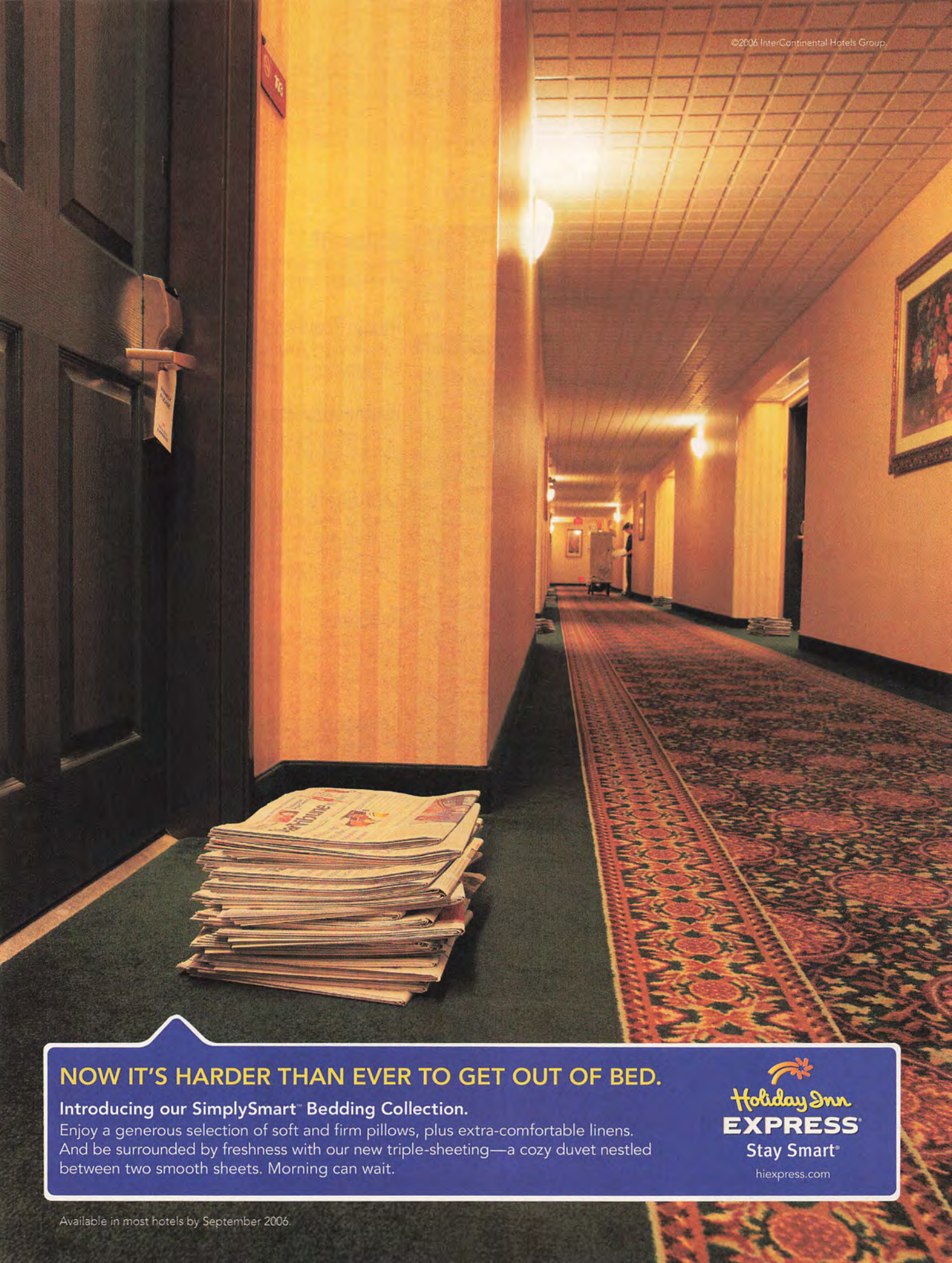
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by Mark Schlabach

PROGRAMS on the RISE

WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers haven't been this excited about football since Major Harris led them to the 1988 national championship game. Quarterback Pat White and running back Steve Slaton are talented enough to win the title this time around.

TCU

Coach Gary Patterson has quietly built the Horned Frogs into a powerhouse in five seasons. Last season, TCU upset Oklahoma, went undefeated in Mountain West play and won an outright league title for the first time since 1958.

NEVADA

Who is the only current Division I coach already enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame? The Wolf Pack's Chris Ault, who has won more than 70 percent of his games and directed 25 second-half comebacks.

ARIZONA STATE

If coach Dirk Koetter can find a defense to go with quarterback Sam Keller and tight end Zach Miller, he might have a sleeping giant in the desert. Only USC had a more potent offense in 2005.

SOUTH FLORIDA

Coach Jim Leavitt has the Bulls, coming off their first-ever bowl game, poised to become the third-best program in the realigned Big East. South Florida is doing it with stout defense: it ranked 17th in Division I in total defense and 14th in scoring defense.

PROGRAMS on the DECLINE

West Virginia: Ric Fogel; Syracuse: John Grieshop

SYRACUSE

Former NFL defensive coordinator Greg Robinson had better find an offense if he is going to survive more than two seasons in college. The Orange ranked 115th in Division I-A in pass efficiency and averaged less than two touchdowns during last season's 1–10 debacle.

WASHINGTON

Tyrone Willingham is a better coach than most Notre Dame fans are willing to admit, but a 2–9 record in 2005 makes Huskies fans wonder about his abilities.

AIR FORCE

Fisher DeBerry's off-the-cuff comments have caused most of his problems in Colorado Springs, but an 18–23 record since a 6–0 start in 2002 is unsightly as well. The Falcons lost to Navy and Army last year and haven't won the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy since 2002.

COLORADO STATE

Sonny Lubick's long and successful tenure with the Rams might be nearing its end. Colorado State has won only 17 games the past three seasons combined, including an 0–3 mark vs. rival Colorado. And that was before Dan Hawkins got to Boulder.

NORTH TEXAS

The Mean Green garnered a lot of attention for having two NCAA rushing leaders, Patrick Cobbs and Jamario Thomas, but they limped to a 2–9 record in 2005 after winning four consecutive Sun Belt Conference championships. There wasn't anything mean about North Texas' young defense last season, as it allowed 31.5 points per game. The Mean Green got taken to the woodshed twice: 54–7 at Kansas State and 56–3 at LSU.

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Ranking the Conferences

SEC 1

LSU, Florida, Auburn and Georgia might all be in the national championship race. Alabama and Arkansas might be surprises.

BIG 12 2

Defending national champion Texas won't fall very far, even without quarterback Vince Young, and Oklahoma will bounce back in a big way with Adrian Peterson still running the football. Nebraska might be poised to make major steps in Bill Callahan's third season.

BIG TEN 3

Despite its heavy personnel losses on defense, Ohio State is the best team in the league, but the Buckeyes have to play at Texas and Iowa. The Hawkeyes might be a surprise, with Penn State taking a step back after its remarkable 2005 season. Michigan is always a factor, but will the Wolverines flop again?

ACC 4

Florida State and Miami could both rebound if they find offensive consistency. Clemson could have its best team in years. And don't count out Virginia Tech, but the Hokies must find a quarterback to replace Marcus Vick.

PAC-10 5

USC will still be a powerhouse even without Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and LenDale White. But Arizona State, California and Oregon are closing the gap.

BIG EAST 6

The new league was supposed to be a one-pony race, but West Virginia quickly supplanted Louisville as the league's BCS contender. Rutgers and South Florida are serious up-and-comers.

MOUNTAIN WEST 7

More than half the league seems to be in a rebuilding mode, and traditional frontrunners Air Force, BYU and Colorado State are struggling.

CONFERENCE USA 8

A home improvement store would make a nice league sponsor after major rebuilding jobs at UCF, UTEP, SMU, Houston and Tulsa.

WESTERN ATHLETIC 9

League lost one of its premier coaches when Dan Hawkins left Boise State for Colorado. Is Fresno State's Pat Hill next to leave?

MID-AMERICAN 10

Akron, the league champion, was shut out by Army and lost at Ball State last season.

SUN BELT 11

North Texas was a big-time flop last season, going from conference champion in 2004 to last place in 2005.

COACHES on the HOT SEAT

Franchione: Layne Murdoch

Dennis Franchione, TEXAS A&M

Franchione might have been better off staying at Alabama. He is 16–19 with two losing seasons in three years — as many as the Aggies had in the previous 30 years — and has a hat trick of embarrassments: 77–0 to Oklahoma in 2003, 35–34 to Baylor in 2004 and 56–17 to Texas Tech in 2005. Defensive coordinator Carl Torbush was fired after the Aggies ranked last in Division I-A in pass defense last season.

Larry Coker, MIAMI

Coker shook up his coaching staff after losing three games for the second season in a row, and the Hurricanes' 40–3 loss to LSU in the Peach Bowl once seemed unimaginable. With former Miami coach Butch Davis still unemployed, athletics director Paul Dee might not have a lot of patience left for Coker.

Lloyd Carr, MICHIGAN

The Wolverines have lost three games or more in seven of the last eight seasons, and the 7–5 mark in 2005 was the worst. Michigan was a preseason top 10 team but lost to Notre Dame and Minnesota at home and then fell to rebuilding Nebraska in the, ahem, Alamo Bowl. Carr's 1–4 record vs. Ohio State's Jim Tressel, including a 25–21 loss last season in which the Wolverines blew a 21–12 lead with less than eight minutes to go, makes the 1997 national championship seem like a distant memory.

Phillip Fulmer, TENNESSEE

The Volunteers' national championship hopes in 2005 turned into a 5–6 nightmare, their worst record since 1988. All of the pieces for improvement seem to be in place, except for a confident quarterback, but bringing back offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe could go a long way toward correcting things. But if the Vols' fortunes do turn around, who gets the credit? Fulmer or Cutcliffe?

Houston Nutt, ARKANSAS

The Hogs have won only nine of their last 22 games and haven't been a factor in the SEC title race since Georgia blasted them in the 2002 SEC championship game. The Razorbacks were very young last season, and the addition of highly regarded quarterback Mitch Mustain only increases the pressure on Nutt.

HOT ASSISTANT COACHES

Gene Chizik, TEXAS

How is this for a personal winning streak? The Longhorns' defensive coordinator has won the last 28 games he has coached: Auburn won its last 15 games when he was there and Texas went 13–0 in winning the national title in 2005.

Jeff Casteel, WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers' defensive coordinator doesn't receive as much recognition as coach Rich Rodriguez gets for his high-powered offense, but Casteel is becoming a hot commodity. His 3–3 stack defense is getting better and better, and he is West Virginia's best recruiter.

Andy Ludwig, UTAH

Ludwig helped the Utes quickly forget about former coach Urban Meyer and quarterback Alex Smith, as they averaged 30 points and 473 yards offense in his first season as offensive coordinator. And Ludwig did it while breaking in new quarterback Brian Johnson.

Al Borges, AUBURN

The Tigers keep plugging in new quarterbacks and running backs and keep on winning. He resurrected Jason Campbell's career in 2004 and did the same thing for Brandon Cox last season.

Michael Haywood, NOTRE DAME

The Fighting Irish offensive coordinator is working under a bright offensive mind and already had established himself as a top recruiter at LSU and Texas.

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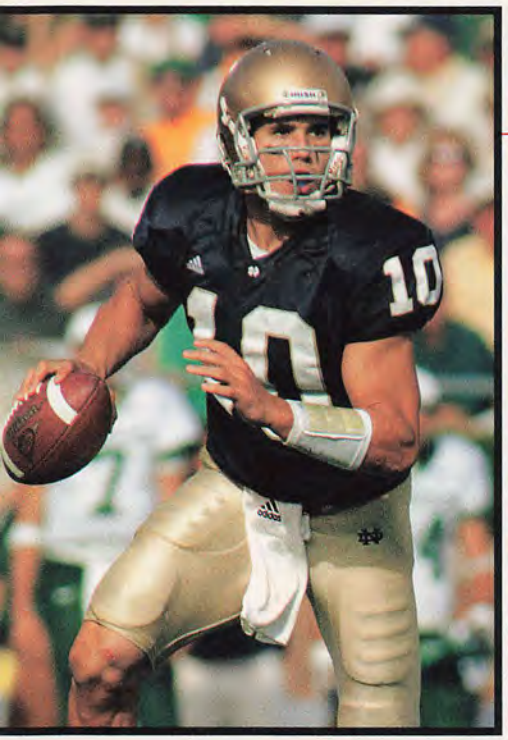

brady QUINN
NOTRE DAME

The senior plays the most high-profile position for the sport's most high-profile team. Having college football's best offensive mind calling plays will help, too.

adrian PETERSON
OKLAHOMA

A bum ankle wasn't the only thing slowing Peterson down in 2005. Sooners quarterback Rhett Bomar must play better for Peterson to truly be effective.

pat WHITE
WEST VIRGINIA

The word in Morgantown is that the sophomore greatly improved his passing during the offseason.

dwayne JARRETT
SOUTHERN CAL

With Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and LenDale White leaving for the NFL, Jarrett will be the focal point of the Trojans' offense.

troy SMITH
OHIO STATE

Dual-threat quarterback trying to do what Vince Young did last season: win a national championship.

HEISMAN CONTENDERS: THE B-LIST

Marshawn Lynch, California Bears Coach Jeff Tedford has earned a reputation for producing NFL-caliber quarterbacks, but this running back might be his best product.

Calvin Johnson, Georgia Tech The future NFL star is the best wide receiver in college football, but the Yellow Jackets might not win enough games for him to be properly recognized.

Steve Slaton, West Virginia If the Mountaineers beat Louisville and get to the BCS title game, Slaton and White will be serious Heisman Trophy candidates.

Kenny Irons, Auburn Irons is as talented as former Tiger runners Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and Ronnie Brown, and he doesn't have to share the football, either.

Ted Ginn, Ohio State With Santonio Holmes gone, Ginn won't have to share the football or the spotlight any longer.

Others to Watch:
Lorenzo Booker, RB, Florida State
Kyle Wright, QB, Miami
Sidney Rice, WR, South Carolina
Chad Henne, QB, Michigan
Chris Leak, QB, Florida
Tyrell Sutton, RB, Northwestern
Garrett Wolfe, RB, Northern Illinois
Brian Brohm, QB, Louisville
Michael Bush, RB, Louisville

UNDER THE RADAR PLAYERS

Dan Bazuin, Central Michigan The senior defensive end led the country with 26.5 tackles for a loss and was second with 16 sacks in 2005. He had two sacks against both Indiana and Penn State and three sacks in two other games.

Colt Brennan, Hawaii The former Colorado quarterback has been called a mobile version of Timmy Chang. His first-year numbers backed up the lofty comparison as he completed 68 percent of his passes for 4,301 yards and 35 touchdowns.

Vincent Marshall, Houston Marshall came to Houston on a track scholarship but is quarterback Kevin Kolb's favorite target with 71 catches for 939 yards and six touchdowns in 2005.

Eli Nichols, Duke The senior defensive end is one of the best players on one of college football's worst teams, with 48 tackles, eight tackles for a loss and three sacks a year ago.

Micah Andrews, Wake Forest The son of former Atlanta Falcons star William Andrews ran for 254 yards in the opener against Vanderbilt last season. He averaged a whopping 5.7 yards per carry last season and won't have to share carries with ACC Player of the Year Chris Barclay this season.

Quinn: Peter Brouillet; Nichols: Bruce Schwartzman

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FIVE UNDERRATED COACHES

Tom O'Brien, BOSTON COLLEGE

The former Marine's teams are always sound and disciplined — and pretty darn good, too. The Eagles have won at least seven games and a bowl game in each of the last six seasons.

Jim Grobe, WAKE FOREST

It would be interesting to see how Grobe's misdirection offense would do at a program with more depth and more talented players. This might be the season the Demon Deacons finally bear the fruits of his superior knowledge.

Dan McCarney, IOWA STATE

McCarney's great work has largely gone unnoticed because of Kirk Ferentz's success at Iowa. But McCarney's rebuilding job — he's led the Cyclones to a bowl game in five of the last six seasons — rivals what Bill Snyder did at Kansas State.

Randy Walker, NORTHWESTERN

Under Walker's direction, the Wildcats have played in three bowl games in seven seasons — as many as they had in the previous half-century. Walker has beaten every Big Ten Conference opponent at least once and seems ready to jump to a more high-profile position.

Guy Morriss, BAYLOR

It is a good thing (for Baylor) that Kentucky didn't keep Morriss, who is close to transforming Baylor from a laughingstock to a more than competitive program. The Bears beat Texas A&M in 2004 and lost to the Aggies in overtime last season. Baylor lost to Oklahoma in double overtime and finished 5–6 in 2005.

FIVE CHANGES for 2006

« **Fifth BCS game** The Bowl Championship Series adds a fifth game, which will be played before the Fiesta Bowl (the national championship game) in Tempe, Ariz. The champions of the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC still will receive automatic BCS berths. But beginning this season, one champion from the other leagues (Conference USA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt or WAC) gets an automatic spot if it is ranked among the top 12 teams in the final BCS standings, or is ranked among the top 16 teams in the final BCS standings and ranked higher than one of the BCS conference champions. In other words, TCU would have played in a lucrative BCS bowl game last season, instead of the third-tier EV1.net Houston Bowl. To be eligible for an at-large berth, a team must be in the top 14 of the final BCS standings.

« **Standard instant replay** Instant replay is no longer an experiment in college football after it was approved by the NCAA rules committee. The system was a hit in its first season in the Big Ten in 2004 and used in most Division I-A conferences last season. The only real complaint about instant replay was it took too long and coaches had no input. So the NCAA gave coaches the right to call timeout to instigate a review and, if the play is overturned, the team doesn't lose the timeout. But if the play isn't overturned, the coaches can't challenge another play in the game and lose the timeout.

« **Fox Sports joins the fray** Fox Sports takes over broadcasts of the BCS games, and here's hoping Tim McCarver isn't involved. The television network, which hasn't had its hand in college football while focusing primarily on Major League Baseball and the NFL, apparently wants to become a real player. It's challenging ESPN for the rights to broadcast Big Ten games, beginning in 2007.

« **A 12th regular season game** The NCAA permanently added a 12th regular season game this season, while the sport's governing body still decried a playoff system because it would extend the season too much and inhibit players' ability to study. Then again, an extra regular-season game against a Division I-AA foe and meaningless conference championship games seem like better ideas.

« **Shorter games** The NCAA has taken steps to ensure that games are a little shorter. Among the rules changes that go in effect this season: halftime will now last 15 minutes instead of 20; the clock will start on an actual kickoff instead of when the receiving team touches the ball; and the clock will start when the ball is ready for play on a possession change. Also, the length of the kicking tee will be shortened to one inch to curtail the number of touchbacks.

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FIVE KEY TRANSFERS

LOREN HOWARD
Northwestern to Arizona State

The explosive defensive end started three years for the Wildcats, but then transferred home to the desert after injuring his knee. The senior should give a big boost to a defense that ranked last in the Pac-10 with 22 sacks in 2005, and will get help from overpowering defensive tackle Michael Marquardt, a transfer from BYU, and Florida transfer Tranell Morant.

BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS
Indiana to Ole Miss

The Rebels ranked 116th in the country in rushing last season and desperately need a big-time runner. Green-Ellis, a 211-pound junior, might provide that after running for 794 yards behind a bad Indiana offensive line in 2004.

ROCKY HINDS
USC to UNLV

Buried on the depth chart behind Trojans star Matt Leinart and heir apparent John David Booty, Hinds transferred to Las Vegas and sat out last season. He should win the job in the fall, and former Trojans cornerback Eric Wright will help shore up a porous secondary.

AKIEEM JOLLA
Miami to New Mexico State

The can't-miss prospect who missed with the Hurricanes is seeking new life in Hal Mumme's pass-happy offense. Because the New Orleans wide receiver's family was displaced by Hurricane Katrina, the NCAA waived the one-year penalty for transferring, and he's eligible immediately.

COURTNEY TENNIAL
Oklahoma to Tulsa

Tennial ran for more yards as a high school senior than any other player in Oklahoma history. Unfortunately, he signed with the Sooners the same time as Adrian Peterson and was quickly buried on the depth chart. He and Tarrion Adams give the Golden Hurricane a great one-two punch.

STEPPING DOWN

Players transfering from I-A to I-AA

Jamal Pittman
Ole Miss to Jackson State

The former prep All-American never got on track at Ole Miss because of off-field problems, but he might provide Jackson State the best backfield in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, along with senior David Kennebrew. Former Tennessee Vol linebacker Daniel Brooks is the Tigers' best player on defense.

Antonio Heffner
South Carolina to Tennessee State

Heffner, a fleet-footed quarterback with limited passing skills, never found a place in Steve Spurrier's offense and lost the starting quarterback job to Blake Mitchell. Heffner will have at least one speedy target to throw to in Nashville: senior Mike Mason, a transfer from North Carolina.

Matt Gutierrez
Michigan to Idaho State

Gutierrez was named the Wolverines' starter before the 2004 season but hurt his shoulder and never won the job back from Chad Henne. He will fit in very well in the Bengals' high-octane passing game.

Brandon Keith
Oklahoma to Northern Iowa

The mammoth offensive lineman lasted less than a season with the Sooners after transferring from junior college, but he and Iowa State transfer Jason Fiacco give the Division I-AA national runners-up some bulk up front.

Josh Swogger
Washington State to Montana

The senior started six games at quarterback for the Cougars in 2004, but then injured his foot and never got his job back from Alex Brink. Swogger will start for the perennial I-AA playoff contenders.

FIVE FRESHMEN to WATCH

Matthew Stafford, GEORGIA

The big Texan might not start the opener, but if Stafford is as good as Georgia's coaches think he will be, he will break all the Bulldogs' passing records.

IMPACT FRESHMAN

Mitch Mustain, ARKANSAS

Razorbacks coach Houston Nutt wanted Mustain so badly that he hired the quarterback's high school coach as offensive coordinator.

Tim Tebow, FLORIDA

The highly regarded quarterback will spend one season behind Chris Leak, but he is the player coach Urban Meyer wants running his spread offense.

Percy Harvin, FLORIDA

Meyer likes to have lots of receivers in his offense, and Harvin was the most highly regarded wideout in the country.

Chris Wells, OHIO STATE

Wells will have a tough time beating out Antonio Pittman, who has at least one more season with the Buckeyes, but Wells is as athletically gifted as any tailback Jim Tressel has had.

Green-Ellis: Bruce Newman; Mustain: Icon SMI

BOWLS CLAIM SUPREMACY

A PLAYOFF AIN'T HAPPENING, SO IT'S TIME TO SHOW THE BOWLS SOME LOVE

by Zack McMillin

John Grieshop

It happened in Detroit, of all places, a town more known for its riotous professional championship celebrations than anything to do with college football. It happened at Ford Field, an oasis of revenue streams but not exactly a hallowed home of college football glory.

It happened while watching Akron and Memphis, not exactly college football royalty, play in the 2005 Motor City Bowl.

That's when I stopped resisting. That's when I stopped hating. That's when I decided to stop chasing that windmill known as a big-time college football playoff and embrace the beauty of the bowls, flaws and all.

Sometime between the time Akron fans, clad in their 'Fear the Roo' t-shirts, streamed into Ford Field by the thousands and the postgame celebration by Tiger fans who had traveled the day after Christmas to watch DeAngelo Williams' last run, it hit me.

What's so bad about the bowls, anyway?

There remain blemishes to college football's postseason, but as that great four-horseman backfield known as Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young once advised, sometimes it's better just to love the one you're with.

Can't Get Much Better

If ever there were a year to rekindle true love with the bowls, it was 2005.

The USC-Texas title game deserved all the pre- and post-game hyperbole, and you need not like the BCS to appreciate that this game would not have happened without it.

What some consider the greatest college football game ever played was merely the appropriate conclusion to a wondrous bowl season.

There was the triple-overtime thriller the night before between Penn State and Florida State and their two living legend coaches.

The other two BCS games, if not classics, were treats nonetheless.

West Virginia took a 28-zip lead over Georgia, at the Georgia Dome, before hanging on for a 38–35 Sugar Bowl win, and Ohio State's V-necked Jim Tressel so thoroughly outcoached nonecked Charlie Weis, you'd have sworn Bob Davie had escaped the broadcast booth.

Pick a day, and there was either great drama or great football. At the Cotton, Alabama forced Texas Tech into smashmouth and then converted the ugliest game-winning kick in the history of football.

On New Year's Eve, Conference USA champ Tulsa rallied for two late touchdowns to beat Fresno State in a 55-point Liberty Bowl.

On Dec. 30, there were three great ones – UCLA beating Northwestern 50–39 in a wacky Sun Bowl, Brad Smith rallying Missouri from 28–7 down in the Independence to beat South Carolina and Virginia beating Minnesota on a last-minute field goal at the Music City.

One game after another stayed in dramatic doubt until the end — from Boise State and Boston College in the Humanitarian to titans Michigan and Nebraska, in down years for both programs, lighting up the Alamo Bowl.

And, yes, there was Memphis-Akron and 38–31 and DeAngelo Williams breaking career rushing records once held by guys named Archie Griffin and Tony Dorsett.

What's so bad about a system that gives us a postseason like that?

Not Gonna Happen

Is the idea of a college football playoff seductive? Sure. But repeat after me — it is never, ever, never, never, ever going to happen. Never.

Are there ways to improve the bowls? Sure. Is the BCS perfect? No, and it gets tweaked every year. To pine for a playoff because of BCS blemishes is like that smart, OK-looking guy you knew who was determined to date an intellectual supermodel with a dazzling sense of humor. Wasn't going to happen.

And neither is a college football playoff.

Less Steak, More Sizzle

Stick with the bowls because they give us a better, richer postseason. Stick with the bowls because they give more teams a shot at ending the season with something to celebrate. Stick with the bowls because, unlike basketball, college football never gives its big trophy to an inferior team that happened to get really hot and really lucky for three weeks.

However, it's time to market them better. That's a big reason why college basketball's NCAA Tournament is so beloved while the bowls, at least to listen to talk radio, are so beloathed.

Suggestion No. 1: Make New Year's Day meaningful again by putting all the BCS bowls save the championship game back to Jan. 1. Promote the heck out of New Year's Day as an orgy of college football and hype the championship game that entire day.

Suggestion No. 2: Give official structure to fans' informal tribal leanings by pumping up conference vs. conference. Keep a rolling tally. Encourage ESPN, Yahoo!, etc. to fan partisan league flames.

Suggestion No. 3: The sanctimonious power brokers will never allow this, but let's be real and confront the real reason for the NCAA Tournament's status as national obsession — those darned brackets. The bowl season could never reach the NCAA Tournament's reach as America's gambling pastime, but it couldn't hurt to start promoting office bowl pools. Get Yahoo! and EPSN to push them — it's sure to generate more interest than some schmoe trying to boot a 35-yard field goal for a million bucks.

Suggestion No. 4: Move the Heisman Trophy vote to AFTER the championship game. Is there any doubt Vince Young had the best college football season in 2005? He should have been rewarded. Waiting a month to award the Heisman would only enhance the bowl season.

Final suggestion: Encourage the NFL to collectively-bargain rules that prevent the best players from entering the League prematurely. Oh, wait. It has that, already.

Yet another reason to love the bowls.

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RANKING THE NEW COACHES OF 2005

DIVISION I-A FOOTBALL SAW 23 COACHING CHANGES PRIOR TO THE 2005 SEASON, AND WE'VE RANKED EACH COACH'S JOB PERFORMANCE, FROM BEST TO WORST

1. Charlie Weis, Notre Dame
Before: 6–6 After: 9–3

The swagger is back in South Bend thanks to Weis and his top-notch staff. With basically the same personnel, the Irish improved their total offense output from 345.5 yards per game in 2004 to 477.3 last season and their scoring from 24.1 points per game to 36.7.

2. Bill Cubit, Western Michigan
Before: 1–10 (0–8) After: 7–4 (5–3)

Under Cubit, a former offensive coordinator at Western Michigan, the Broncos made a five-game leap in the Mid-America Conference.

3. Steve Spurrier, South Carolina
Before: 6–5 (4–4) After: 7–5 (5–3)

The Gamecocks exceeded all expectations in Spurrier's return to the SEC. The Gamecocks won five games — tied for the most in their 14 years in the league — and knocked off both Florida and Tennessee along the way.

4. Les Miles, LSU
Before: 9–3 (6–2) After: 11–2 (7–1)

Katrina threw LSU an early season curve ball, but Miles kept his team focused and guided the Tigers to an SEC West title.

5. Skip Holtz, East Carolina
Before: 2–9 (2–6) After: 5–6 (4–4)

After winning only three games in the two-year John Thompson era, East Carolina is relevant again in Conference USA. The Pirates' offense jumped 58 spots in the national rankings (from 105th to 47th), while the defense improved from 111th to 79th.

6. Urban Meyer, Florida
Before: 7–5 (4–4) After: 9–3 (5–3)

It's hard to call a season that featured wins over Florida State, Tennessee and Georgia a disappointment, but the SEC record was very Zook-like. The offense regressed, dropping from 22nd in the nation in '04 to 61st last year.

7. Walt Harris, Stanford
Before: 4–7 (2–6) After 5–6 (4–4)

There was a disturbing loss to UC Davis and a 27–3 loss at home in the Big Game, but Harris somehow squeezed four Pac-10 wins out a team that ranked 99th in the nation in total offense and 105th in total defense.

8. Bronco Mendenhall, BYU
Before: 5–6 (4–3) After: 6–6 (5–3)

The Cougars won only six games, but they tied for second in the Mountain West and made tremendous improvement offensively.

9. Frank Solich, Ohio
Before: 4–7 (2–6) After: 4–7 (3–5)

Solich picked up a signature win in his first home game, knocking off Pittsburgh 16–10 in overtime on national television. That one victory re-energized the program.

10. Terry Hoeppner, Indiana
Before: 3–8 (1–7) After: 4–7 (1–7)

The Hoosiers made only modest gains, but the charismatic Hoeppner has IU fans thinking football once again. Attendance was up from 28,377 per game in 2004 to 39,536 last fall.

11. Shane Montgomery, Miami (Ohio)
Before: 8–5 (7–1) After: 7–4 (5–3)

The RedHawks' record slipped a bit, but they still tied for the MAC East title and featured the league's top passing offense. Two home losses in MAC play were troubling.

12. Kyle Whittingham, Utah
Before: 12–0 (7–0) After 7–5 (4–4)

The Utes lost five more games than in '04 — but were without their quarterback, top rusher and top receivers from the '04 Fiesta Bowl team.

13. Brent Guy, Utah State
Before: 3–8 (2–5 Sun Belt) After: 3–8 (2–6 WAC)

There were some bright spots — two conference wins — but the Aggies' first tour through the WAC was rather uneventful.

14. Mark Snyder, Marshall
Before: 6–6 (6–2 MAC) After: 4–7 (3–5 C-USA)

Marshall's string of 21 seasons without a losing record ended. The step up to Conference USA resulted in a tougher schedule, but losing three in a row to close the season will not sit well.

15. Dick Tomey, San Jose State
Before: 2–9 (1–7) After: 3–8 (2–6)

San Jose State was still one of the worst Division I-A teams in the nation, but the Spartans were far more competitive.

16. Dave Wannstedt, Pittsburgh
Before: 8–4 (4–2) After: 5–6 (4–3)

The first month of the Wannstedt era was a debacle, but the Panthers battled back from a 1–4 start, won four of their last six and ended the year with a winning Big East record.

17. Mike Sanford, UNLV
Before: 2–9 (1–6) After: 2–9 (1–7)

Sanford, the former offensive coordinator at Utah, failed to jumpstart the Rebels' attack. UNLV won two games by a combined six points and regressed on both sides of the ball.

18. Tyrone Willingham, Washington
Before: 1–10 (0–8) After 2–9 (1–7)

Yes, the Huskies made progress, but they were still alarmingly uncompetitive at times. Four Pac-10 losses came by 24 points or more.

19. Ron Zook, Illinois
Before: 3–8 (1–7) After: 2–9 (0–8)

It wasn't easy, but Illinois took a step backward. The Illini lost their eight league games by an average of 32.1 points per game.

20. Ed Orgeron, Ole Miss
Before: 4–7 (3–5) After: 3–8 (1–7)

Orgeron brought plenty of excitement, but also plenty of losses. He signed a stellar recruiting class, and that has the faithful excited.

21. Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State
Before: 7–5 (4–4) After: 4–7 (1–7)

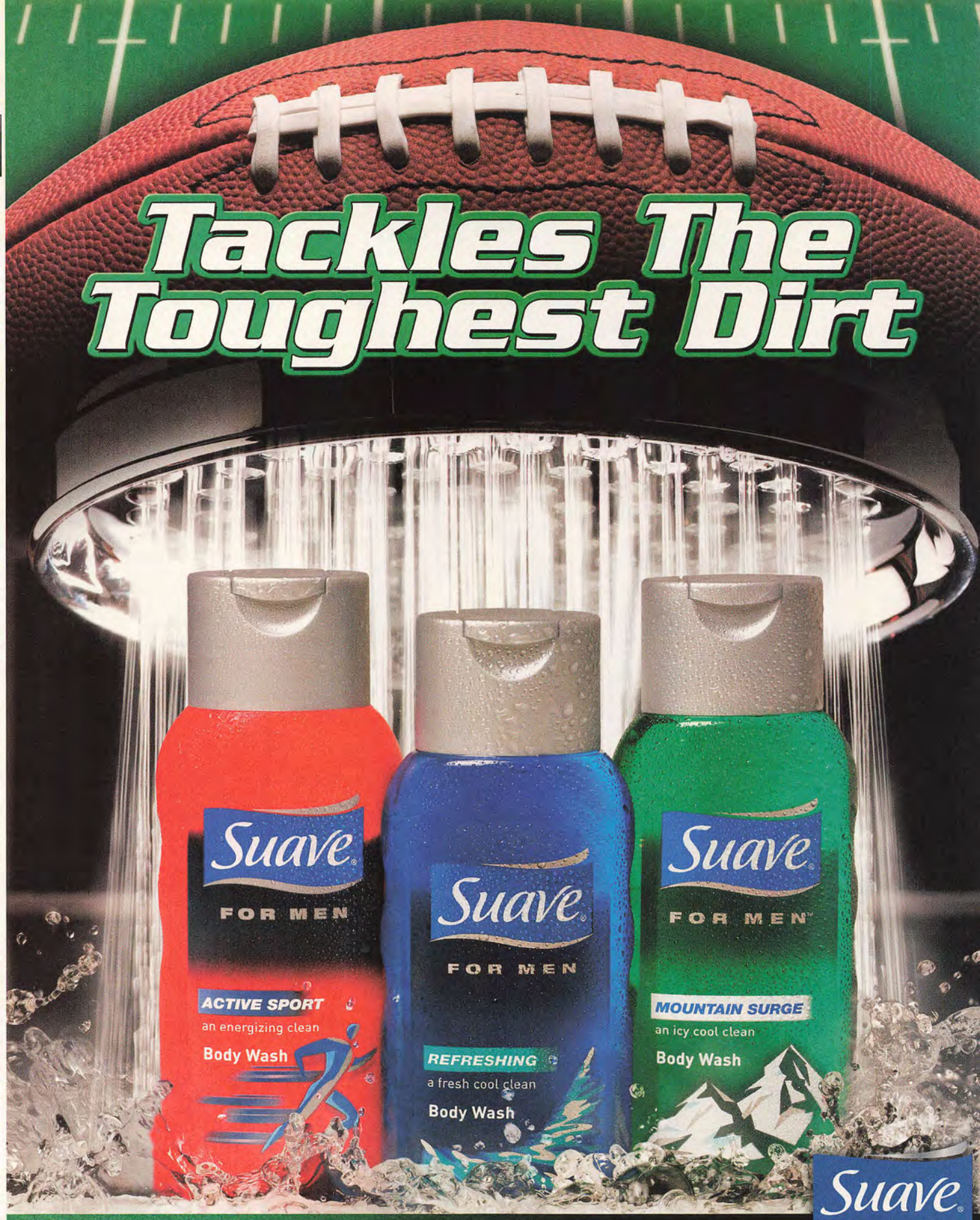
After fighting their way up the Big 12 food chain under Les Miles, the Cowboys took a giant step back under Gundy, finishing last in the Big 12 South for the first time.

22. Hal Mumme, New Mexico State
Before: 5–6 (4–3 Sun Belt) After: 0–12 (0–8 WAC)

The Aggies' maiden voyage through the WAC was a disaster. Not only did they fail to win a game, but they also finished last in the league in scoring offense and scoring defense.

23. Greg Robinson, Syracuse
Before: 6–6 (4–2) After: 1–10 (0–7)

Syracuse athletic director Daryl Gross fired Paul Pasqualoni because it was "time to go in a different direction." Do you think 1–10 was what he had in mind?



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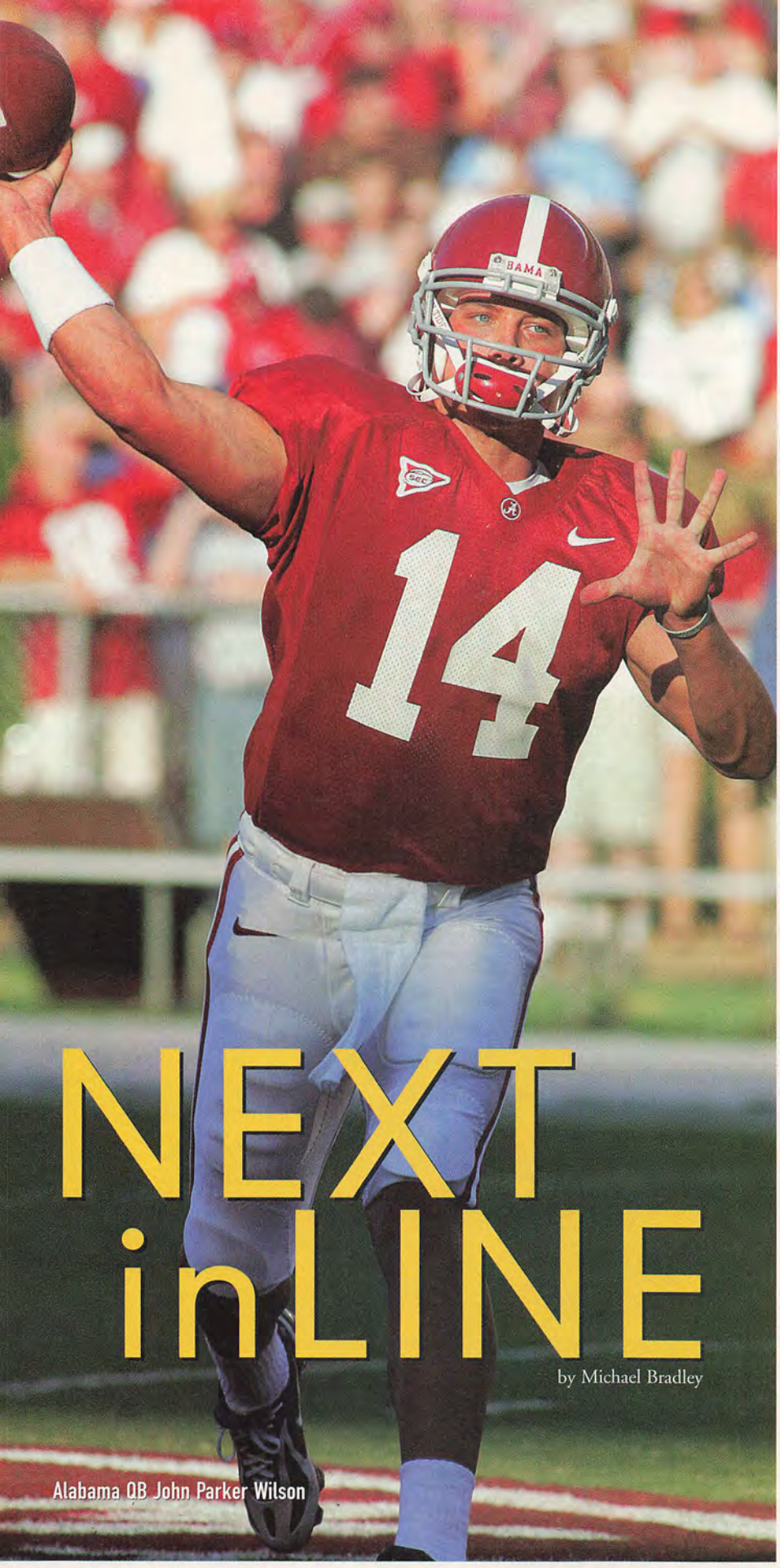


NEXT inLINE

by Michael Bradley

Alabama QB John Parker Wilson

The most star-studded quarterback class in recent memory has left campus. Stepping into the spotlight's glare are some talented but unproven replacements

Okay, so maybe there are worse ways to begin a new job. Insult the boss. Tell off a client. Take a three-hour lunch. All bad. In Alabama, they're minor infractions compared to what John Parker Wilson did in his first scrimmage as the Crimson Tide's starting quarterback.

Instead of creating confidence and leading Bama fans to believe everything in the post-Brodie Croyle world would be just fine, Wilson went the other way. And for a week or so, everybody in the state — except the Auburn folks — was wondering if the Tide could petition the NCAA for another year of eligibility for Croyle. Wilson's first scrimmage numbers: 9-of-22, two interceptions. What in the name of Joe Namath was going on?

"It wasn't a good day at all," Wilson admits. "It was pretty embarrassing, and it took a lot to come back and get things right."

Get it right he did. Wilson was far better the next week, completing 17-of-23 throws for 154 yards and a TD, and by the time the Tide's annual A-Day Game rolled around, he hit on 21-of-31 passes for 244 yards and two scores. While he also had a pair of passes intercepted, the sophomore was far more effective and confident than he had been during his debut.

"I just looked at (the bad scrimmage) as one of those things," he says. "I had some good practices leading up to the scrimmage, but nothing was going right. After that, I just tried to continue practicing the way we were."

When the Tide opens the '06 season against Hawaii, Wilson will have to be more like the successful leader he was at the end of the spring than the struggling fawn he resembled at its outset. Replacing Croyle, who threw for 2,499 yards and 14 TDs last year while completing 59.6 percent of his throws, is a tall order. But Wilson is a fine prospect who threw for more than 3,800 yards as a prep senior and was 7-of-11 with two scores in five games for the Tide in '05. He isn't Croyle, but he has potential.

"John Parker can win for us," Alabama offensive coordinator Dave Rader says. "He can find the right receiver. He showed that in practice. He can read defenses, although he's not fluent yet. John Parker can lead. He can get us out of bad plays. John Parker can make plays. And John Parker can make mistakes."

Sounds like a rookie QB, all right. And it

Wilson: Kent Gidley

could be a description for those around the country who are moving into some pretty high-profile jobs, replacing some standout passers, like USC's Matt Leinart, Penn State's Michael Robinson, Jay Cutler from Vanderbilt, Georgia's D.J. Shockley, and of course, Vince Young of Texas. Across the country, new quarterbacks will be debuting at programs that enjoyed success last year with established stars. Their challenge will be to produce at a high level immediately, despite a general lack of experience. This isn't a midseason emergency assignment — like Georgia backup Joe Tereshinski tackled last year against Florida, when Shockley hurt his knee — but rather a full-time job. No one will asking the new quarterbacks "not to lose" games. Instead, the rookies will be expected to make the throws, call the audibles and lead their teams to wins.

"There's no question we have been a quarterback-driven offense," Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis says. "We've had Major Applewhite, Chris Simms and Vince Young. We want to continue that. The quarterback is going to be one of our lead dogs. The other point is that we have a pretty good supporting cast. Our running backs have to carry their share. Our line has to carry its share. Our receivers have to carry their share.

"But the quarterbacks, dadgummit, have to make plays. That doesn't mean they have to do it 50 times a game to win, but they have to make plays when we get guys open."

Such is life at the top of the college football food chain. Texas won the '05 national title, but its fans aren't ready to give the Longhorns a free pass this season. A 10–2 record that includes a loss to Oklahoma will be a bad thing, just as Alabama's zealots won't suffer a third-place finish in the SEC West and another defeat at the hands of Auburn in silence. Quarterbacks who step in these days are expected to produce, not learn on the job. Can Anthony Morelli be expected to make the same plays as Robinson did last year? No, because he hasn't started before, and Robinson was a rare talent who could beat offenses with his legs and arm. But Penn State wants to defend its Big Ten title and isn't about to waste a great collection of receivers and a productive back like Tony Hunt on an apprenticeship by Morelli. He has to be ready right away.

That's what spring practice was for, and the way coaches approach the introduction of a new quarterback has changed considerably. Davis didn't baby Texas' candidates — redshirt freshman Colt McCoy and true frosh Jevan Snead, who graduated a term early in order to compete for the starting spot. Davis dropped the full UT playbook in their laps and told them to learn it. Then, he asked the Longhorn defensive coaches to show McCoy and Snead as many different looks as possible, the better to prepare them for what lay ahead.

"We took a very aggressive approach," Davis says. "We said, 'We cannot just go through spring and teach a few runs and passes, because we'll be behind come August.' We went at it as if Vince were still the quarterback, because we wanted them to grasp things quickly and grasp a lot."

That's not going to be easy, because unlike many other schools who are replacing quarterbacks with players who have at least stepped onto the field of battle, even in mop-up roles, McCoy and Snead are complete novices. McCoy's redshirt season was spent running the scout team, while Snead was a senior at Stephenville (Texas) High last year. The Longhorns' perfect plan had called for them to apprentice behind Young this season and then fight it out for the starting job in '07, but the Rose Bowl hero's decision to leave Austin early expedited the process.

The experience factor is blended with the Longhorns' need to adapt the offense to whichever quarterback survives the starting competition. Both were recruited to run UT's base attack, but that scheme was altered dramatically last year for Young, who spent the season in the shotgun formation and ran what Davis calls the "gun-run" attack. The offense's staple was the "choice" play, in which Young put the football in the stomach of a running back set up to his immediate left or right, read the defense and then decided to hand it off, take it himself or throw. Both McCoy and Snead have the ability to run and throw, but neither has the magic in his legs that Young had. So, some changes should be in order. Davis is quick to emphasize that there will not be a dramatic transformation, since balance remains the goal of the Texas attack and has been since head coach Mack Brown arrived on campus.

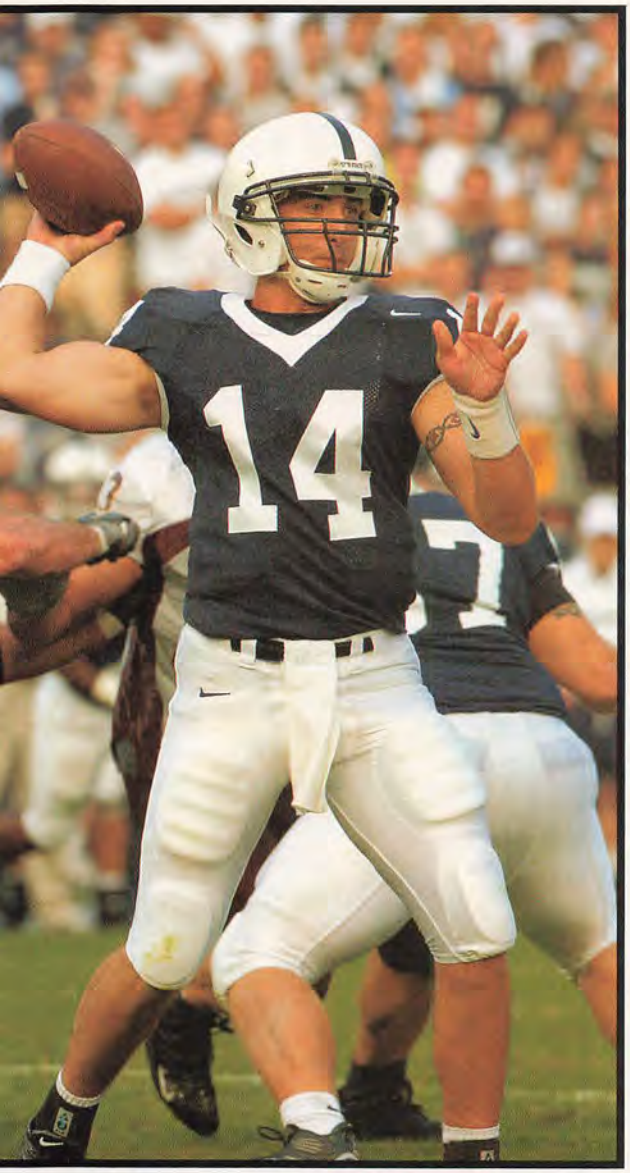
"When we came here in '98, Mack said, 'We're in Texas, and we want to run an offense that will attract the best quarterbacks and attract the best running backs in the state,'" Davis says. "We want to win the game when we can't make an inch running it and win the game when the wind is blowing in our face and we can't throw it."

Coming out of spring drills, Davis still hadn't decided which quarterback would be starting the Longhorns' opener with North Texas. In fact, when he met with the players three days after the Orange-White game, Davis told both to plan on being the starter. That's either good news — an abundance of talent — or bad — neither QB distinguished himself. Both can run and throw, although the quarterbacks are more comfortable in the pocket than their predecessor. Snead's pedigree is a little more impressive, if only because he played at a larger school (4A vs. 2A). He's also

Some of the biggest shoes of all belong to national championship-winning QB Vince Young. Charged with filling them are redshirt freshman Colt McCoy (top) and true freshman Jevan Snead.

Texas QBs: Jon Sigmon

carries 20 more pounds on his 6'3" frame than does McCoy, who's the same height. But both were big winners in high school (combined 57–4 as starters). If you want to assign an edge, give it to McCoy, if only because he has spent an extra year in the program. Whoever wins had better be ready quickly; Ohio State visits Austin Sept. 9.



"I told him if he wanted to be the guy, the starting quarterback, he had to start acting like it." —Quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno on Anthony Morelli, heir apparent to Michael Robinson at Penn State

USC has more in common with Texas than just a trip to Pasadena last winter. The Trojans must replace three-year starter Matt Leinart and exited drills with a pair of candidates, both of whom were subjected to a high-pressure spring. "We didn't change anything," USC offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin says. "We installed a ton of plays and put a lot on (the quarterbacks)." By late April, the race to replace Leinart was still unsettled, thanks to a variety of factors. One was a herniated disk suffered by favorite John David Booty, who made headlines in '03 by graduating high school a year early and earning backup work as a true freshman. Another was a sexual assault charge against highly regarded freshman Mark Sanchez. Booty is expected to be back in time for summer practice. Sanchez's return scenario is more complicated.

Even if the charges against him are dismissed, Sanchez was suspended from school in late April and wasn't able to take final exams at the end of winter term. That could cloud his eligibility status. All this after a spring in which he made a significant step forward in relief of Booty. "We made Mark go against the No. 1 defense all spring," Kiffin says. "We made it as hard as we could for him." The results were mixed. After a strong start, Sanchez had trouble with interceptions midway through practice. However, as the drills progressed, he became more comfortable. A fine athlete with a big-time "Carson Palmer" arm, according to Kiffin, Sanchez needs to protect the ball better if he wants to supplant Booty, whom head coach Pete Carroll still considers the favorite.

Though Booty is more experienced and is a prototype pocket passer with a strong and accurate arm, he doesn't move as well as Sanchez can. He may get first shot this August, but there is one immutable law at USC: Every job is up for grabs every day. "The depth chart going into (summer) camp means nothing," Kiffin says. Criminal charges, however, do.

At Penn State, the quarterback's job belongs to Anthony Morelli. That means the junior is pretty comfortable under center, thanks in large part to a process that began late last season. After PSU thumped Wisconsin in its home finale Nov. 5, the team had a bye week before wrapping up the Big Ten title in East Lansing against Michigan State. During that respite, Penn State coaches put Morelli with the first-team offense, with the dual purpose of resting starter Michael Robinson and giving Morelli the chance to be in charge.

"I told him that if he wanted to be the guy, the starting quarterback, he had to start acting like it," Penn State quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno says. "That off week gave him a lot of work with the first team. We backed Mike (Robinson) off and saw how Anthony would do. After that, he had a different attitude."

Morelli says that he felt like it was "his team" right after the Orange Bowl. That was when he hit the film room with a vengeance, started organizing informal passing workouts and hanging out with the linemen — all the things quarterbacks do to establish themselves as leaders. "I'm going to do what I can do to lead this offense the best I can," Morelli says.

His confidence grew as the spring progressed, and during an early-April scrimmage in front of 800 coaches who were attending a clinic at Penn State, Morelli demonstrated his ever-growing sense of self. The first-team offense had the ball on the enemy six, and when Paterno asked the quarterback what he wanted to call, Morelli chose a run — for himself. "He took it right in there, tried to run over a safety at the two and made it to the half-yard line," Paterno says. It wasn't as magical as some of Robinson's dashes, but it answered the questions of some who wondered whether Morelli had the ability to make plays with his legs, and it showed confidence. Although Morelli admits there weren't many designed running plays for him when he quarterbacked Penn Hills (Pa.) High School, Paterno says, "one of the plays on his highlight tape was a 49-yard run for a touchdown to send a playoff game into overtime." Not bad.

Tereshinski won't be including much of the Bulldogs' '06 spring game on his reel. The senior and Joe Cox, one of the three other contenders for the job vacated by Shockley, combined to throw six interceptions in the scrimmage. Meanwhile, true freshman Matthew Stafford threw a 64-yard TD pass but completed little else in a 5-of-12, 102-yard performance. The upshot? While Tereshinski remains the favorite, there is speculation that Stafford or Cox or Blake Barnes, a sophomore who missed the spring game with a thumb injury, will eventually end up under center. "What we're looking at is (making a choice) two weeks before our first game," Georgia offensive coordinator Neil Callaway says.

Tereshinski achieved a bit of renown last October, when he took over for Shockley for the Florida game. No pressure, huh? Just a starring role in The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party. It didn't go well. Georgia lost, 14–10, and the Bulldogs only managed 286

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total yards. Tereshinski was 8-of-21 for 100 yards and an interception. He did catch a nine-yard TD pass from Thomas Brown, but he didn't overwhelm with his performance, despite the obvious benefits that came from running the team. "That game helped me a lot," Tereshinski says. "I was able to see how to prepare for a game. I took reps with the ones (first team), and that helped me this spring. I also made a big jump in understanding what the offense is about."

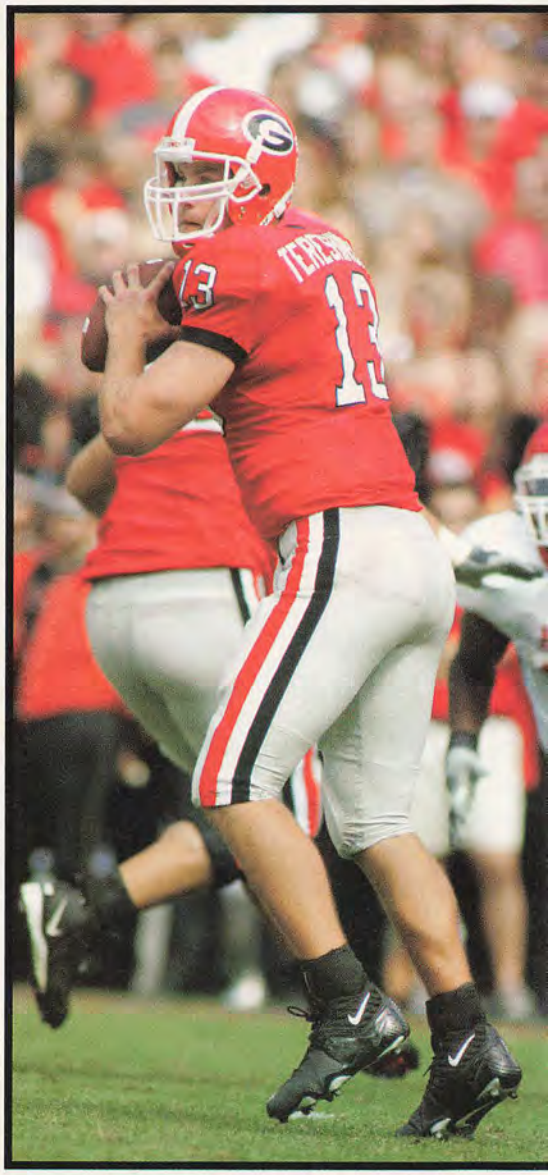
If Tereshinski is under center, that offense will be about a lot less running, more short passing and a greater reliance on the traditionally strong Georgia ground attack.

"Joe is a smart, heady guy," Callaway says. "He has to make the right decision and throw the ball on timing. He's not all that athletic, but he knows the system and can get the ball to the right person."

That may not be the most ringing endorsement, but it should be enough to get Tereshinski the starting nod. Whether he keeps it is another story. Stafford, a freshman who arrived on campus in January after throwing for 4,000 yards as a prep senior, is a 6'3" prospect who moves well and can throw it through a wall. Lest anyone doubt whether Georgia coach Mark Richt will go with a freshman, remember that David Greene took over as a redshirt frosh in '01.

At Vanderbilt, there won't be anybody that young under center, or at least that's how it looks now. Although third-year sophomore Chris Nickson missed the spring game with a cranky hamstring, he appears to be the heir to Jay Cutler, especially since redshirt freshman Mackenzi Adams was 21-of-44 for 145 yards, two TDs and three interceptions in that final scrimmage. "He has the talent and the tools," Vanderbilt offensive coordinator Ted Cain says of Nickson. He doesn't have experience. Though Nickson appeared in five games last season, he threw only three passes. Cain praises Nickson's leadership skills and believes he has the arm to make the same throws Cutler did. Maybe. "We'll see what happens when the bullets start flying in the SEC," Cain says.

And everywhere else around the country.



Joe Tereshinski will be looking over his shoulder at Matthew Stafford, among others, in the race to replace D.J. Shockley at Georgia.

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Top 50 Recruits of 2001

1 eric SHELTON

Running Back • Lexington, KY • Florida State

Transferred to Louisville after one season at Florida State and rushed for 1,728 yards (on a 5.5-yard average) and 30 touchdowns in two seasons with the Cardinals. Declared for the NFL Draft after his junior season and was picked by Carolina in the second round in 2005.

2 joe MAUER

Quarterback • St. Paul, MN • Florida State

Never enrolled at Florida State. Signed a contract with the Minnesota Twins after being selected with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 June Amateur Major League Baseball Draft. Currently the starting catcher for the Twins.

3 brodie CROYLE

Quarterback • Rainbow City, AL • Alabama

Enjoyed a solid senior season (2,499 yards, 14 TDs, four INTs) after struggling with injuries for most of his career. Selected by the Chiefs in the third round of the 2006 NFL draft.

4 jabari DAVIS

Running Back • Stone Mountain, GA • Tennessee

Played both tailback and fullback for the Vols but failed to live up to expectations. Started only six games and rushed for 1,246 yards in his four-year career. Was not drafted.

5 kevin JONES

Running Back • Chester, PA • Virginia Tech

Was a huge recruit for Virginia Tech, and he lived up to the hype. Earned first-team All-America honors as a junior after rushing for 1,647 yards and 21 touchdowns. Selected by the Detroit Lions with the 30th pick in the 2004 Draft.

6 shaun CODY

Defensive Lineman • Hacienda Heights, CA • USC

Four-year starter was a consensus first-team All-America pick as a senior. Spent his first three seasons at defensive tackle; moved to end as a senior. Recorded 21 sacks in four years. Drafted in the second round (2005) by the Lions.

7 reggie WILLIAMS

Wide Receiver • Tacoma, WA • Washington

Set school record for catches (238) and yards (3,536) despite playing only three seasons. A two-time first-team All-Pac-10 pick. Declared for the draft after his junior season and was picked by Jacksonville with the ninth pick in 2004.

8 marquise HILL

Defensive Lineman • New Orleans, LA • LSU

Enjoyed a solid three-year career on some very good teams but never earned first- or second-team All-SEC honors. Recorded 10 sacks from defensive end spot. Selected by New England with final pick in the second round of the 2004 draft.

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9 roscoe CROSBY

Wide Receiver • Buffalo, SC • Clemson

Crosby was considered a can't-miss prospect in both baseball and football coming out of Union (S.C.) High School. He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the second round of the 2001 amateur draft and signed a letter-of-intent to play football at Clemson. His football career began on a promising note; he set Clemson freshman records for receptions (27) and receiving yards (465) in 2001. Sadly, that has been the high point of his post-high school athletic endeavors. An elbow injury and subsequent Tommy John surgery in the summer of 2002 essentially ended his baseball career, though he did give the sport another go in March 2003. Crosby temporarily returned to the football field at the outset of the 2003 season, but he left school after just one game due to family problems. He tried to return to Clemson for the 2004 season but was ruled academically ineligible. After not being selected in the 2005 NFL supplemental draft, Crosby signed a two-year free agent deal with the Colts in July 2005. He was released prior to the season but re-signed with the team in November and hopes to earn a spot on the Colts' 53-man roster next season.

10 carnell WILLIAMS

Running Back • Attalla, AL • Auburn

Earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2003 and '04 despite sharing time with Ronnie Brown. Finished his four-year career with 3,831 yards, second to Bo Jackson (4,303) on the Tigers' all-time rushing list. Was selected by Tampa Bay with the fifth pick in the 2005 Draft and went on to win Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.

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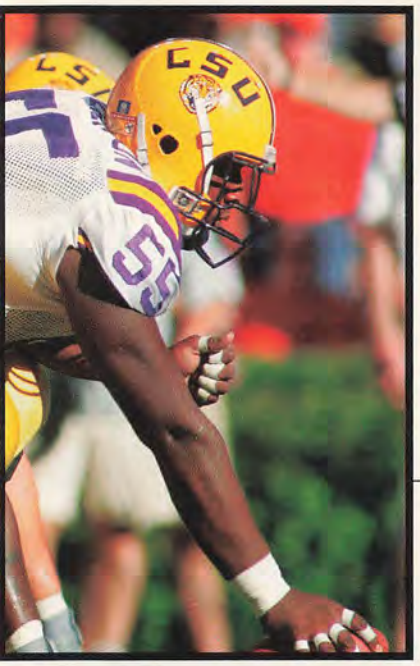


tommie HARRIS 11

Defensive Lineman • Killeen, TX • Oklahoma

One of the most decorated recruits from 2001, Harris was **a two-time consensus All-American and the recipient of the 2003 Lombardi Award**, given to the nation's top interior lineman. Left school after his junior season and was **selected by the Bears with the 14th pick in the 2004 draft.**

ben WILKERSON 12

Offensive Lineman • Hemphill, TX • LSU

A four-year starter in Baton Rouge who was the **co-recipient of the 2004 Remington Award**, given to the nation's top center. Draft status was hurt by a serious injury sustained late in his senior season.

Signed by the Bengals as an undrafted free agent and spent the 2005 season on the injured list.

michael CRAVEN 13

Linebacker • LaQuinta, CA • Stanford

Started four games as a redshirt freshman in 2002 and five games as a sophomore the following year but did not start a single game over his final two seasons. Recorded 25 tackles as a senior.

kelly BARAKA 14

Running Back • Portage, MI • Michigan

Never played a down for Michigan. Suspended for the 2001 season after two arrests for possession of marijuana, then kicked out of the program for undisclosed reasons in the spring of 2002. Played the 2003 season for Joliet (Ill.) Junior College. Had planned on playing for the University of Findlay, a Division III program in Ohio, but he never showed up at the school.

leon WILLIAMS 15

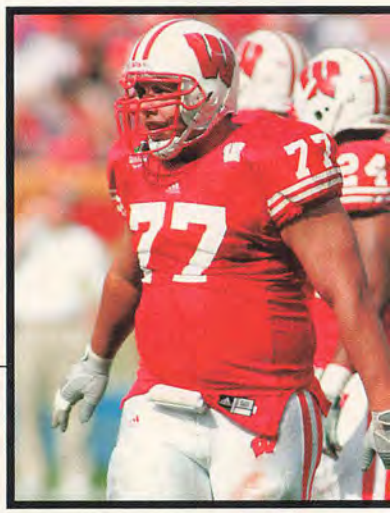
Linebacker • Brooklyn, NY • Miami

Never quite turned into the next great Hurricane linebacker. Started five games at middle linebacker as a junior in 2004 but was beaten out as a senior by sophomore Romeo Davis.

anttaj HAWTHORNE 16

Defensive Lineman • Hamden, CT • Wisconsin

Thrust into action as a true freshman and worked his way into the starting lineup for the final two games of the 2001 season. Went on to start the final 41 games of his career and earned **first-team All-Big Ten honors as a junior and senior. Selected by the Raiders in the sixth round of the 2005 draft.**



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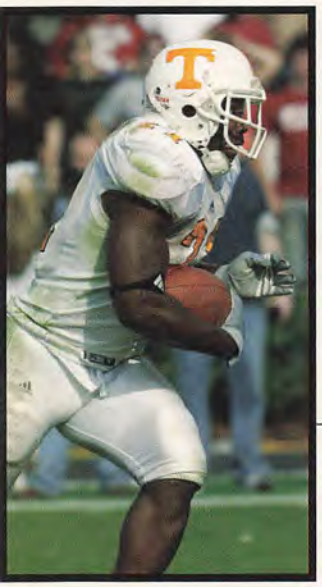

marcus SPEARS 17

Tight End • Baton Rouge, LA • LSU

Recruited as a tight end, he played both ways as a freshman before settling in at defensive end on a full-time basis as a sophomore. Started three seasons at end and capped off a nice career by earning **first-team All-America honors** from the *Associated Press* as a senior in 2004. **Picked up two SEC titles and a national championship. Selected by the Cowboys with the 20th pick in the '05 draft.**

ahmad CARROLL 18

Cornerback • Atlanta, GA • Arkansas

Batman made an immediate impact at Arkansas, moving into the starting lineup midway through his true freshman season in 2001. Also starred on the Razorbacks' special teams and was a sprinter for Arkansas' track team. Left after his junior season and was **selected by the Packers with the 25th pick in the first round of the 2004 draft.**

cedric HOUSTON 19

Running Back • Clarendon, AR • Tennessee

Finished his career fifth on the Vols' career rushing list with 2,634 yards, including 1,005 as a senior in 2004. Earned **second-team All-SEC honors** from the coaches as a junior and senior. **Picked by the Jets in the sixth round of the 2005 draft.**

chris SPENCER 20

Offensive Lineman • Madison, MS • Ole Miss

Only started more than four games one time in his career in Oxford. Declared for the NFL Draft after earning **honorable mention All-SEC honors as a junior** in 2004. Pro teams obviously thought more highly of him than the SEC coaches and writers; he was **picked by Seattle in the first round (26th overall) of the 2005 draft.**

2001 RECRUITS

cecil HOWARD 21

Quarterback • McKeesport, PA • Syracuse

Howard left Syracuse after just one season, a redshirt year in 2001. He enrolled at Division I-AA Youngstown State but quit after just a few practices in the fall of 2002. He then landed at Northeastern, another I-AA school, but never played a down for the Huskies. Finally, Howard settled on Division II power California University of Pennsylvania. He played sparingly for the Vulcans in 2005, as a junior, but did not attempt a pass and quit the team in midseason. In the only live action of his four-school, five-year odyssey, Howard had five rushing attempts for 10 yards and one touchdown.

d.j. SHOCKLEY 22

Quarterback • College Park, GA • Georgia

Shockley waited patiently behind David Greene and shined in his only season as the Bulldogs' starter. He **shared first-team All-SEC honors** (*Associated Press*) with Vanderbilt's Jay Cutler in 2005 after leading the league in passing efficiency. **He was picked by the Atlanta Falcons in the seventh round of the '06 NFL Draft.**

george GAUSE 23

Defensive Lineman • Conway, SC • South Carolina

Gause was a solid three-year starter at South Carolina, but he never developed into an All-SEC-caliber player. Recorded 15 sacks in his career as a defensive end. Was not selected in the 2004 NFL Draft.

jerome CARTER 24

Defensive Back • Lake City, FL • Florida State

Started for three years at rover for the Seminoles and **earned honorable mention All-ACC honors** as a junior in 2003. Recorded 74 tackles with 3.5 sacks as a senior. **Picked by the Rams in the fourth round of the 2005 draft.** Played in 14 games as a rookie.

j.r. LEMON 25

Running Back • Fayetteville, GA • Stanford

Never emerged as a top-flight Pac-10 running back. Started 15 games in his four-year career, rushing for a total of 1,214 yards, including only 222 (on a 2.9-yard average) as a senior in 2005. Had three 100-yard games in his career.

michael CLAYTON 26

Wide Receiver • Baton Rouge, LA • LSU

Finished his three-year career ranked first all-time at LSU in touchdown receptions (21), second in catches (182) and fourth in receiving yards (2,582). Left school after earning **first-team All-SEC honors** as a junior in 2003. **Drafted by the Buccaneers with the 15th pick in the first round and enjoyed a banner rookie season, catching 80 passes for 1,193 yards and seven touchdowns.**

kevin SIMON 27

Linebacker • Concord, CA • Tennessee

Capped off his injury-plagued career with a solid senior season, recording a team-high 88 tackles and earning **second-team All-SEC honors.** Missed his freshman season due to a torn ACL suffered in a high school all-star game; missed all but three games of the 2002 season with an injured ankle; and missed all but two games of the '04 season with another torn ACL. **Selected by the Redskins in the seventh round of the '06 draft.**

marlin JACKSON 28

Defensive Back • Sharon, PA • Michigan

A four-year starter in Ann Arbor who spent his first two seasons at corner, moved to safety as a junior, then switched back to corner as a senior. **Named first-team All-America** by the *Associated Press* in 2004, his final year at Michigan. **Selected by the Colts with the 19th pick in the 2005 NFL Draft.**

adrian MCPHERSON 29

Quarterback • Bradenton, FL • Florida State

McPherson, the first player ever to win both Mr. Basketball and Mr. Football in the state of Florida, spent only two seasons in Tallahassee. He was kicked off the team following the 2002 season for stealing a blank check (and cashing it for over $3,000), and then in early 2003 he was charged with gambling on professional and college games. (He pleaded no contest on both charges and served no jail time.) McPherson attempted to continue his collegiate career at both Murray State (January 2003) and Tennessee State (August 2003), but neither Division I-AA school would allow him to play football. His next move was to the Indiana Firebirds of the Arena Football League. Despite not playing a full season, the 19-year-old McPherson was named the AFL's Rookie of the Year after throwing for 2,965 yards and 56 touchdowns in 14 games. Convinced that he had the talent to play at the highest level, McPherson then threw his name into the 2005 NFL Draft. The **New Orleans Saints** took a chance on the talented but troubled quarterback, **selecting him in the fifth round with the 152nd overall pick in the draft.** He didn't play a down during his rookie season.

mark LEVOIR 30

30. Mark LeVoir • Tight End • Eden Prairie, MN • Notre Dame

Signed as a tight end but moved to the offensive line during two-a-days of his freshman season. Started at left guard as a sophomore in 2003 before moving over to right tackle, where he started 23 games over his final two seasons. **Signed a free agent contract with the Chicago Bears following the NFL Draft.**

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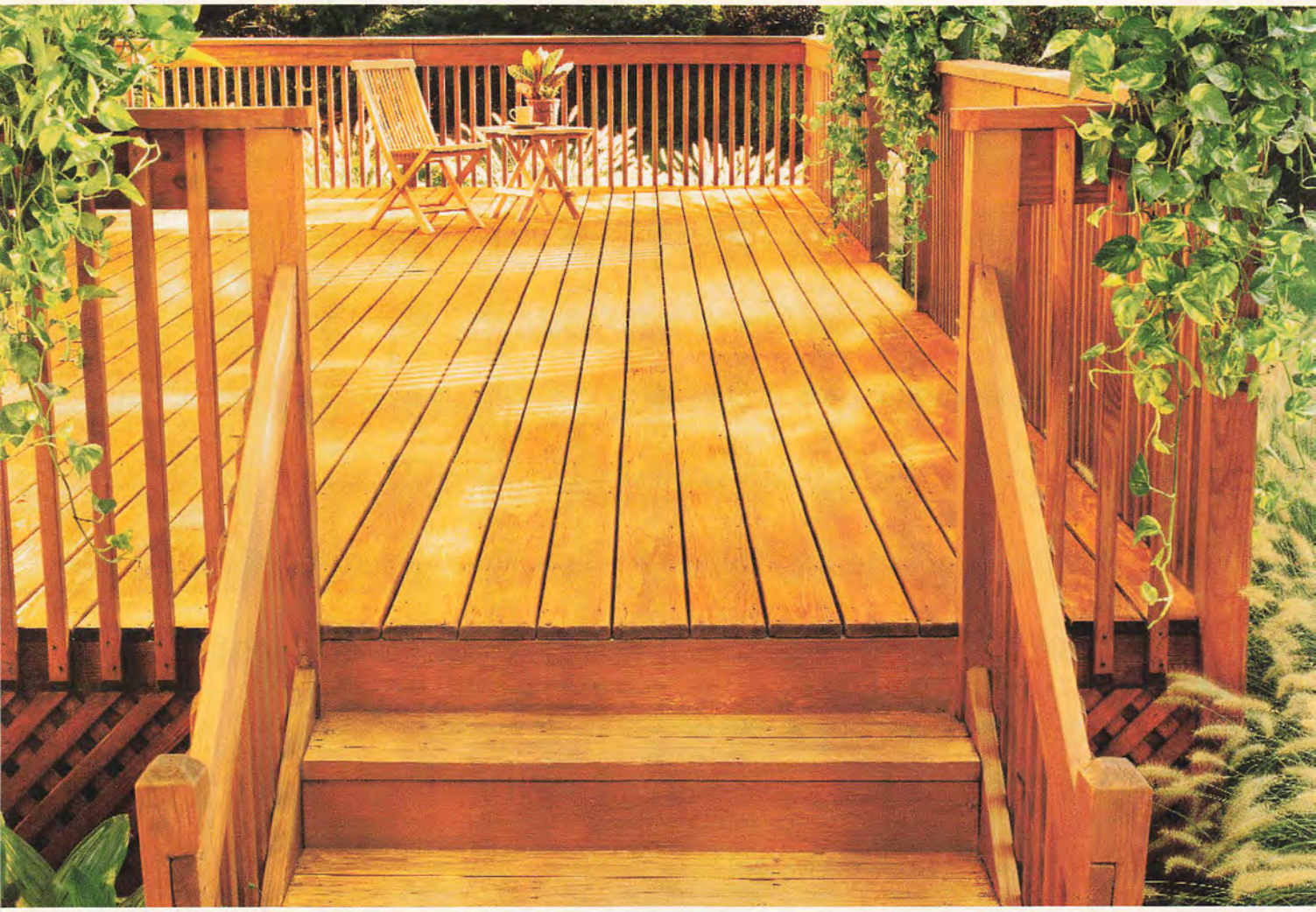

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craphonso THORPE 31

Wide Receiver • Tallahassee, FL • Florida State

Peaked as a junior, when he **earned first-team All-ACC honors** after catching 51 passes for 994 yards and 11 touchdowns. Also a two-time letterwinner on the Seminoles' track team. **Selected by the Chiefs in the fourth round of the 2005 NFL Draft.**

dominic ROBINSON 32

Defensive Back • Diamond Bar, CA • Florida State

Robinson signed as a cornerback but was switched to wide receiver at FSU. After serving as a return specialist as a true freshman, he played his way into the rotation as a sophomore in 2002. Continued to be a valuable contributor, but he never worked his way into the starting lineup.

patrick ESTES 33

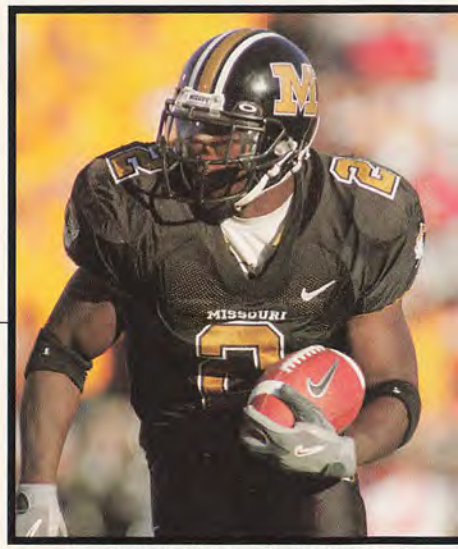
Tight End • Richmond, VA • Virginia

Got stuck behind classmate Heath Miller — a less-heralded recruit who went on to become a first-round draft pick — but still saw plenty of action in the Cavaliers' two-tight end sets. Ended his four-year career with 28 receptions for 252 yards and five touchdowns. Despite his limited role in college, Estes was **picked by the 49ers in the seventh round of the 2005 Draft and has been converted to tackle.**

damien NASH 34

Running Back • East St. Louis, IL • Missouri

Ended up at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College after failing to qualify out of high school. Played only one game in two seasons in junior college; he redshirted in 2001 and injured his knee in the '02 opener. Re-signed with Missouri and rushed for 462 yards in 2003 and 792 in '04. Was suspended for one game in 2004 after questioning the team's play-calling, then he left the program for good in 2004. Nash considered transferring to a I-AA school but **opted to declare for the NFL Draft, where he was selected by the Titans in the fifth round.**



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pat MASSEY 35

Defensive Lineman • Brecksville, OH • Michigan

Started three years — at defensive end as a sophomore and junior and at defensive tackle as a senior in 2005. **Earned honorable mention all-conference honors twice. Signed a free agent deal with the San Diego Chargers.**

ernest SHAZOR 36

Defensive Back • Detroit, MI • Michigan

Strong safety capped off an outstanding career at Michigan by **earning first-team All-America honors** from the *Associated Press* as a junior in 2004. He left Ann Arbor with a season of eligibility remaining but was not selected in the NFL Draft. Initially expected to go in the second or third round, Shazor saw his stock drop after running a 4.70 40-yard dash in a pre-draft workout. **He signed with the Cardinals as an undrafted free agent.**

matt ROTH 37

Linebacker • Villa Park, IL • Iowa

Arrived at Iowa as a 6'4", 245-pound linebacker. Departed as a 270-pound defensive end who recorded 30 sacks in a brilliant four-year career. Roth **earned first-team All-Big Ten honors** as a junior and senior and was a **second-team All-America pick** as a senior in 2004. **Selected by the Dolphins in the second round (46th overall pick) of the 2005 draft.**

lorenzo ALEXANDER 38

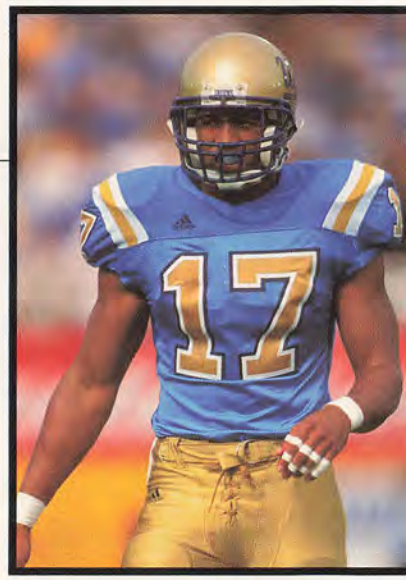
Offensive Lineman • Oakland, CA • California

Alexander never blossomed into a star but enjoyed a solid career as a defensive tackle in Berkeley. He started 37 games over four years, including five as a true freshman, and **earned honorable mention All-Pac-10 honors twice and second-team All-Pac-10 honors once.** Went undrafted but **signed with the Carolina Panthers. Spent the 2005 season on the practice squad.**

matt WARE 39

Defensive Back • Malibu, CA • UCLA

Made an immediate impact, becoming the **first player at UCLA to start every game as a true freshman.** He started 11 games at cornerback in 2001 but was moved over to free safety prior to the 2002 season. After three games, however, he switched back to corner, where he remained the rest of his career. Never earned all-conference honors. Left school with a year of eligibility remaining and was **selected by the Eagles in the third round of the 2004 draft.**



derek ANDERSON 40

Quarterback • Scappoose, OR • Oregon State

Set virtually every school passing record during his three years as a starter, and he became **the first Oregon State quarterback to lead the Beavers to three bowl games.** For his career, Anderson completed 50.7 percent of his attempts for 11,249 yards, 79 touchdowns and 57 interceptions. He was **drafted by the Ravens in the sixth round of the 2005 Draft but was released on Sept. 20. He was then signed by Cleveland the next day, and he remains on the Browns' roster.**

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2001 RECRUITS

robert BOULWARE 41

Defensive Back • Charlotte, NC • Tennessee

Failed to work his way into the starting lineup during his time in Knoxville. Totaled only 23 tackles in his three years on the field. Did not return for final season of eligibility in 2005. Also participated on the Vols' track and field team.

de'arrius HOWARD 42

Running Back • West Memphis, AR • Arkansas

Only started one game in his four-year career, but Howard was a solid performer in the Hogs' backfield. He peaked as a freshman, rushing for 595 yards and seven touchdowns, and ended his career with 1,719 yards (on a 4.2-yard average) and 21 touchdowns.

quan CROSBY 43

Wide Receiver • Mart, TX • Texas

Did not enroll at Texas in 2001, opting instead to sign with the Anaheim Angels, who selected him in the sixth round of the baseball draft. Spent three years in the Angels' system (a year in rookie ball and two in Single-A), hitting a combined .263 in 299 minor league games. **Returned to football last fall, enrolling at Texas** in August 2005. Started three games as a 22-year-old freshman, including the Rose Bowl win over USC. Caught two passes for 16 yards in the Rose Bowl and ended the season with 15 catches for 270 yards.

blake LARSEN 44

Offensive Lineman • Atlantic, IA • Iowa

Failed to live up to the hype, due in part to an inability to remain healthy. After sitting out his first season as a redshirt, Larsen spent the next three years as a reserve tackle. He left Iowa after the 2004 season with one season of eligibility remaining.

lemarcus ROWELL 45

Linebacker • Opelika, AL • Auburn

One of the few members of the class of 2001 who is still playing collegiately. He failed to pass through the NCAA clearinghouse prior to his freshman season, so his five-year window of eligibility did not begin until the 2002 season. He played in 11 games as a true freshman in 2002 but was suspended from school in July 2003 after running afoul of the law. He played the 2003 season at Itawamba (Miss.) Community College, where he earned All-America honors. From there, he enrolled at Division I-AA Jacksonville State. He was **named second-team All-Ohio Valley Conference** in 2004 but then sat out last fall as a redshirt. He is expected to play his final season for the Gamecocks in 2006.

tyler REED 46

Defensive Lineman • Pittsburgh, PA • Penn State

After sitting out as a redshirt in 2001, playing sparingly as a reserve in '02, Reed worked his way into the starting lineup at right guard as a sophomore in '03. Was a solid three-year starter for the Nittany Lions, but he never received any all-conference mention.

lydell ROSS 47

Running Back • Tampa, FL • Ohio State

Ross **became the youngest back in Big Ten history to rush for 100 yards in a game** when he gained 124 against Indiana in 2001 at the age of 17. He was the Buckeyes' No. 2 back as a freshman and sophomore then took over as the feature back in his final two seasons. Finished his career with 2,339 yards and 26 touchdowns. **Signed a free agent contract with the Chargers** in July 2005 but was let go prior to the start of the season.

fred GIBSON 48

Wide Receiver • Waycross, GA • Georgia

Was a big-play threat for the Bulldogs from the day he stepped foot on campus. Started his career off with a 33-catch, 772-yard freshman season and continued to shine — when healthy. Ended his four years with 161 catches for 2,884 yards and 20 touchdowns. Also played for the Georgia basketball team as a freshman. **Selected by the Steelers in the fourth round of the 2005 draft but was released in training camp and subsequently signed by the Dolphins.**

cedric BENSON 49

Running Back • Midland, TX • Texas

Enjoyed one of the most productive careers of any back in college football history. **One of five running backs to rush for at least 1,000 yards in each season. Capped off his 1,112-carry, 5,540-yard career by winning the 2004 Doak Walker Award. Selected by the Chicago Bears with the fourth pick in the 2005 draft.**

airese CURRIE 50

Wide Receiver • Columbia, SC • Clemson

Ended a solid career by earning **first-team All-ACC honors** in 2004 after catching 61 passes for 868 yards and two touchdowns. Totaled 2,030 yards and 138 receptions in four seasons. Also starred for the Clemson track and field team. **Selected by the Bears in the fifth round of the 2005 NFL Draft.**

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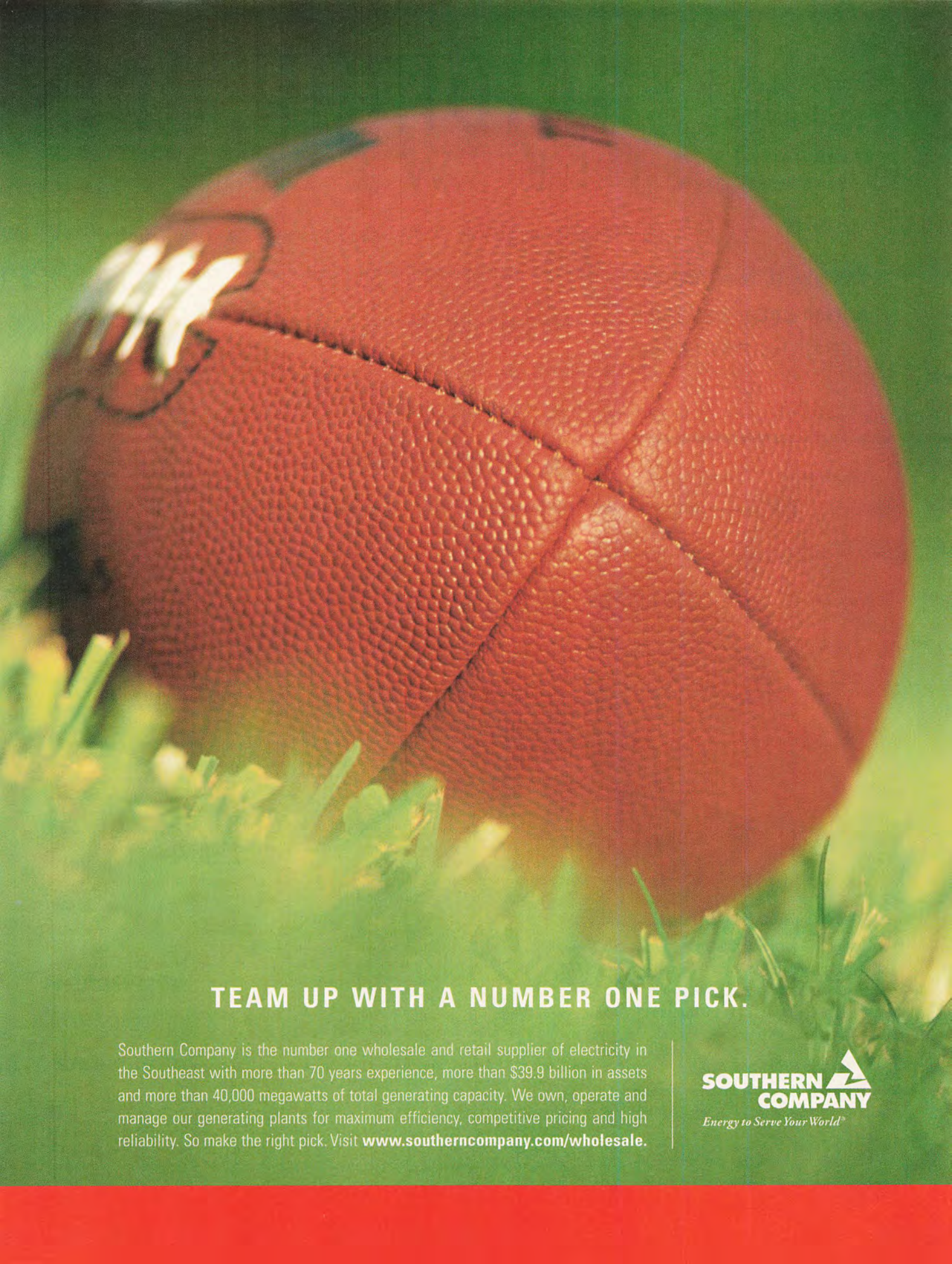
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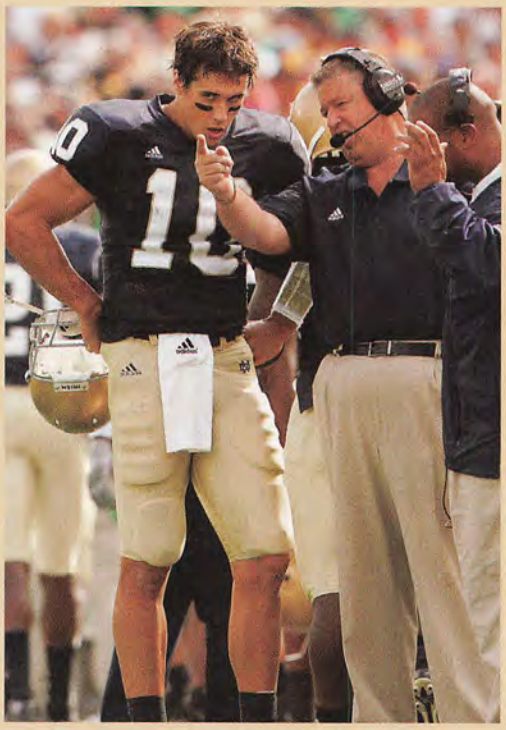

In one season, Weis transformed Brady Quinn from an average quarterback to a leading Heisman Trophy candidate, which will lead to more of the nation's top prep quarterbacks to South Bend in the years to come.

Just seven games into his collegiate head coaching career, Charlie Weis — sporting a pedestrian 5–2 record — landed a lucrative contract extension from the University of Notre Dame that would carry him through the 2015 season.

Tyrone Willingham started out 8–0 in 2002 and Notre Dame never offered him a contract extension. In fact, after just three seasons, Willingham was fired and replaced by Weis.

Now, just seven games into Weis' tenure, the University handed him the keys to the executive washroom before he had proven that he could clean up the mess left by Willingham's 14 losses in his last 25 games.

"In a very short period of time, Charlie has clearly and impressively demonstrated the ability to take the Notre Dame program where we all want it to go," said Notre Dame athletic director Dr. Kevin White.

Too much too soon? Not if you witnessed what White saw during Weis' first 10-and-a-half months on the job.

Professional Background/Success — Weis was at the forefront of the New England Patriots' three Super Bowl titles as the offensive coordinator of the Tom Brady-led attack. The Patriots' offense was innovative and on the cutting edge. Weis stayed a step ahead with what many considered good but not great talent (other than Brady).

Weis learned from two of the best head coaches in the history of the NFL — Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick. The same could be said of Willingham, who prepped under Bill Walsh. But when the offense struggled from the outset of the Willingham regime, he proved incapable of the X's and O's creativity that seemed so elementary to Weis. Even when the Irish won their first eight games under Willingham, they still ended the season ranked 108th in the country in total offense.

Offensive Explosion — Under Weis, Notre Dame went from the bottom one-third nationally in offense to among the nation's elite with basically the same personnel.

Weis transformed Notre Dame's offense into the 10th-rated unit in the country. Quarterback Brady Quinn, who passed for 3,919 yards and ranked No. 7 in pass efficiency rating in 2005, is among everyone's top three pre-season Heisman Trophy candidates.

It's hard to envision Quinn developing into a Heisman Trophy candidate in Notre Dame's lethargic, unimaginative attack under coordinator Bill Diedrick from 2002-04. Willingham planned no changes in the coaching staff when it appeared he would be returning for a fourth year at Notre Dame.

Understanding the Culture — There were factions that were offended by Willingham's firing. Weis took over a house that was divided and quickly began mending fences. Four former Irish greats "coached" the spring game — Joe Montana, Joe Theismann, Tim Brown and Chris Zorich. Zorich had been particularly outspoken about Willingham's firing. Not only did Weis patch up the dispute, he convinced Zorich to come back for the spring game.

Shortly after taking the job, Weis went from dorm to dorm to speak with the students. He even met with several hundred students at 6 a.m. the day his full-time duties at his alma mater began.

When it comes to academics, the Notre Dame environment, the weather or any other nuance within the campus culture, Weis understands it. He lived it as a 1978 graduate of Notre Dame.

Recruiting Prowess — Weis' recruiting acumen is directly tied to his feel for the Notre Dame culture. One of his first accomplishments on the job was winning the favor/trust of Notre Dame's admissions department.

Whereas Willingham had begun to shy away from pursuing some of the same players coveted by USC, Florida, Texas et al, Weis said he'd do battle with anyone. He became one of the few head coaches in the country to personally hit the recruiting trail in May.

Weis' second recruiting class was rated among the top 10 in the country. He was off to another fast start with next year's class, led by the verbal commitment of top-rated quarterback Jimmy Clausen.

There is no guarantee that Weis will continue to build upon the 9–3 record from his first season in South Bend. It was still just a three-game improvement over Willingham's last season at Notre Dame. Plus, the Irish were outclassed in their last game of the year, a one-sided 34–20 loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl.

Yet as the Irish began winter workouts, they were greeted by a sign that read: "9–3 is not good enough." The standard for excellence had been established and refined during Weis' first year on the job.

Spend a year around Charlie Weis and you'll understand why Dr. Kevin White quickly secured him with a lengthy contract extension. The 2005 season was no fluke. Under Weis, Notre Dame is back...and here to stay.

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CHARLIE WEIS

It's way too early to put Weis among Notre Dame's coaching elite.

by Mark Schlabach

In only one season as his alma mater's football coach, Charlie Weis has awakened the echoes at Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish were ranked among the top 10 teams in the country last season, came within a bad spot and impromptu quarterback sneak of upsetting two-time defending national champion USC and played in a Bowl Championship Series game. In a little over four months, Weis put college football's most storied program back in the national consciousness, where it belongs.

But don't put that buzz cut on Touchdown Jesus just yet.

Yes, what Weis did at Notre Dame last season can only be described as remarkable. He took over a program that had floundered under former coach Tyrone Willingham — the Fighting Irish were 6–6 in 2004 — and turned it into one of the most feared offenses in the country. Last season's team, which featured the passing of Brady Quinn, running of Darius Walker and pass catching of Anthony Fasano, Maurice Stovall and Jeff Samardzija, scored more points than any other team in Notre Dame history.

And with Quinn coming back for what could be a Heisman Trophy-winning senior season in 2006, and blue-chip quarterback prospect Jimmy Clausen committing to come on board in 2007, the Fighting Irish won't slip much offensively in the immediate future. In fact, they figure to have a sizable advantage every time they step on the field because of the man calling plays on the sideline.

So why not put Weis among the ranks of Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz the great Fighting Irish coaches of the past? As the 34–20 loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl proved, Notre Dame still has a long way to go, especially on defense.

Notre Dame had problems stopping opponents last season — how else to explain a three-point loss to a Michigan State team coached by John L. Smith? If Notre Dame's defense had figured out how to stop USC quarterback Matt Leinart just once in the final seconds, the Irish might have been talking about Roses instead of Tostitos.

Weis succeeds on offense because of his coaching pedigree. He plugs players into his system, which has proved to be nearly foolproof. Quarterbacks will sign with Notre Dame because Weis coached Tom Brady, who went from a late-round pick to a two-time Super Bowl MVP. Running backs and wide receivers will sign with the Fighting Irish because they will want to play in those record-setting offenses. And offensive linemen will go to South Bend because former Notre Dame linemen still litter the NFL.

But Weis' real challenge, along with continuing to loosen the high standards of Notre Dame's admissions office, is finding superior athletes who want to play defense. Not since defensive lineman Renaldo Wynn was chosen by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 1997 has Notre Dame had a defensive player drafted in the first round (only two Fighting Irish players — offensive tackle Luke Petitgout in 1999 and center Jeff Faine in 2003, it should be noted, were first-rounders since Wynn). Finding big linemen, menacing linebackers and super-athletic cornerbacks should be Notre Dame's biggest priority. Because as prolific as Weis' offense was in New England, the Patriots won three Super Bowls with defense. And Notre Dame will struggle to stop most teams, except when it plays the military academies.

Weis has two outstanding recruiters on his staff: Mike Haywood and Rob Ianello, who were the recruiting coordinators at Texas and Wisconsin, respectively. They have already left their mark and understand Notre Dame isn't the football program that it once was. Notre Dame has to work as hard as everyone else, or even harder, in recruiting, something Willingham and his staff weren't willing to do. Despite Notre Dame's storied tradition, the school doesn't recruit itself anymore. The weather stinks. The school has a stricter conduct code than places like Miami, Oklahoma, USC and Texas. And that lucrative contract with NBC doesn't mean as much anymore because *everybody* plays on TV.

Notre Dame will be good enough to return to the Bowl Championship Series this season, perhaps even play in the Fiesta Bowl for the national title. Who knows? Maybe the Fighting Irish will even win a bowl game this season, something they haven't done in more than a decade. But before Weis can be mentioned in the same breath with Notre Dame's five Hall of Fame coaches, he has to win consistently, like the Irish did under Leahy, Parseghian and Holtz.

Notre Dame doesn't need another one-hit wonder. Even the non-descript Bob Davie won nine games twice. And don't forget that in his very first season at Notre Dame, Willingham won 10.

Ohio State's 34-20 shellacking in the Fiesta Bowl showed some alarming holes in Notre Dame's defense and showed just how much further the Irish have to go in order to compete for a national title.

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1 OKLAHOMA SOONERS

Flying in under the radar come the Oklahoma Sooners. After an uncharacteristically sub-par season, it's out of sight, out of mind — but not for long. Due in large part to a ruinous rash of injuries in 2005, there are 22 players back who drew at least one starting assignment last fall, compared to only 17 with starting experience going into last season. OU won six of its last seven games, including a 17–14 victory over sixth-ranked Oregon in the Holiday Bowl. In addition, the 2006 Sooners welcome back their top passer, rusher, receiver, tackler and sack man from '05.

Quarterback Rhett Bomar took the reins on offense in Game 2 as a redshirt freshman and got better and better as the season wore on. In his 12 appearances, with 10 starts, he threw for 2,018 yards — a school freshman record — and 10 touchdowns, and he has just begun to tap his enormous potential.

Two years ago, running back Adrian Peterson set an NCAA freshman record with 1,925 rushing yards, averaging 5.7 per carry with 15 touchdowns. Last fall, he was hampered by an ankle injury all season, missing all or most of four games, and still ran for more than 1,000 yards with a five-yard average and 14 scores. Peterson is the best ball-carrier in America, and no one else is close.

2005 RESULTS: 8–4 (6–2 BIG 12)

RETURNING STARTERS: 4 OFFENSE, 8 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

Five of the top seven receivers are back, including sophomores Malcolm Kelly, Juaquin Iglesias and Manuel Johnson. Kelly led the way with 33 catches, and the three averaged over 15 yards per catch combined. Converted quarterback Paul Thompson and tight end Joe Jon Finley round out the receivers' playing group.

There is only one full-time starter back on the offensive line — right tackle Chris Messner — but most of the new men have game action under their belts. Tackle Branndon Braxton started three games last season, guard J.D. Quinn started four and center Jon Cooper started two.

Linebackers Rufus Alexander, a first-team All-Big 12 returnee, and Zach Latimer combined for 186 tackles, including 23 for a loss and nine sacks, in 2005 and form the cornerstone of the defense. Larry Birdine and John Williams, both of whom sat out last year with injuries, return at end along with C.J. Ah You and Calvin Thibodeaux, who started in their stead. Ah You was the runaway choice as league Newcomer of the Year and was Defensive MVP of the Holiday Bowl. Thibodeaux turned in a team-high 10 sacks for the season.

Reggie Smith spent most of the 2005 campaign as a true freshman starter at strong safety and again will join Darien Williams in the deep zones. D.J. Wolfe started all 11 games at cornerback last year after switching from running back and responded with 65 tackles, along with five for a loss. He also picked off two passes, running one back for a touchdown, and broke up 10 others.

After tuning up at home against UAB and Washington, the Sooners travel to Eugene for the first challenge of the season — a Sept. 16 rematch of last year's Holiday Bowl with Oregon. Iowa State and Texas Tech both must come to Norman, and there is no Nebraska on the 2006 slate.

And don't forget the Red River Shootout against Texas in Dallas on Oct. 7.

Yoots Oklahoma was one of the youngest teams in DI-A last season, with 12 true freshmen seeing game action and 11 drawing at least one starting assignment.

Bring 'em on The Sooners played the toughest schedule in the nation last year, based on cumulative records of their opponents as compiled by the NCAA. OU played seven teams that ended up in the 2005-06 postseason.

Pack 'em in Oklahoma led the Big 12 in attendance in 2005 with an average of 84,331 fans at six home games.

Layne Murdoch

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2 NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

Charlie Weis had an Irish offense that had been stuck in reverse for years shattering one school record after another. Quarterback Brady Quinn was the beneficiary of Weis' personal attention through last spring and fall, and as a result is the nation's top returning Heisman vote-getter — he finished fourth. With another year to play, Quinn is Notre Dame's career leader in total yards, passing yards, completions and touchdown passes, among too many other records to mention.

Quinn's favorite receiver — All-American Jeff Samardzija — is back along with Rhema McKnight, the team's leading pass-grabber from 2003 and '04 who missed most of last year with an injury. Four starters are back in the offensive line, led by center John Sullivan and left tackle Ryan Harris. The unit excels in pass protection and created enough running room for tailback Darius Walker to rush for 1,196 yards and nine touchdowns. Walker returns for 2006 along with No. 2 rusher Travis Thomas.

2005 RESULTS: 9–3

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 OFFENSE, 9 DEFENSE, NO KICKERS

Nine starters are back on a defense that gave up way too many big plays in '05 and laid an egg in the Fiesta Bowl — Ohio State's four touchdowns against the Irish covered 56, 68, 85 and 60 yards. Last year's top two tacklers — linebackers Corey Mays and Brandon Hoyte — need to be replaced. Safety Tom Zbikowski, end Victor Abiamiri, and tackles Trevor Laws and Derek Landri lead the defense into '06. The campaign to put increased pressure on opposing passers begins with Abiamiri, who notched 15 tackles behind the line and eight sacks last fall. Despite the return of cornerbacks Ambrose Wooden, the team's top returning tackler, and Mike Richardson, incoming freshmen Darrin Walls and Raeshon McNeil will get a good, long look as potential starters in fall practice.

Notre Dame opens the 2006 season at Georgia Tech, then will host Penn State and Michigan on the following two Saturdays. UCLA is a midseason home game, with the finale at USC.

Dubious record Notre Dame's 2005 defense surrendered 617 yards, the most in any game in school history, in the 34–20 Fiesta Bowl loss to Ohio State.

Playing to potential Over the three-year stretch from 2002-2004, Notre Dame scored 40 or more points in only two games. In 2005, the Irish reached or exceeded 40 points six times.

a.k.a. the Shark All-American Jeff Samardzija tied a Notre Dame record in 2005 with 77 catches and set new marks with 1,249 receiving yards and 15 touchdown receptions last fall.

3 USC TROJANS

Let's review the last four years at USC, shall we? A record of 48–4, including a 34-game winning streak. A still-active 27-game home winning streak. Four BCS Bowl appearances. Four AP Top 4 finishes. Four Pac-10 titles. Two national titles. And rivers of talent rolling in. Graduation and the lure of NFL riches stripped the USC offense of most of its lineup on offense, leaving only two linemen and the receivers. However, the two returning linemen — tackle Sam Baker and center Ryan Kalil — both earned All-America accolades in 2005 and will anchor another great unit in 2006, and the Trojan receiving corps, featuring All-American Dwayne Jarrett, is a showpiece. For a new quarterback to deliver the ball to them, coach Pete Carroll turns to junior John David Booty, although the Shreveport, La., native is coming off back surgery. Mark Sanchez is also in the the mix, but after running into some legal trouble in late April, his status is uncertain.

Tailback Hershel Dennis will miss his second straight campaign with torn knee ligaments, Desmond Reed also has a major knee issue, and Chauncey Washington, who is finally eligible, hasn't played since '03. Don't be surprised to find recruits Stafon Johnson and C.J. Gable sharing the job.

2005 RESULTS: 12–1 (8–0 PAC-10)

RETURNING STARTERS: 4 OFFENSE, 6 DEFENSE, PLACEKICKER

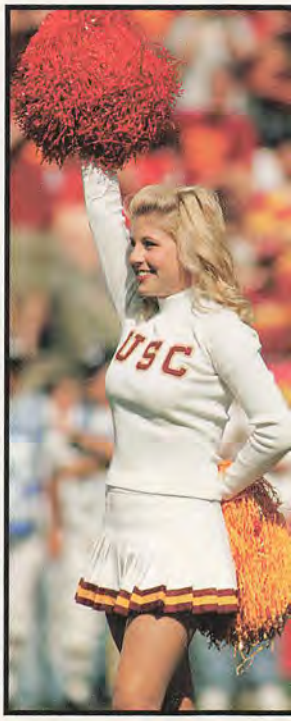
Carroll's specialty is defense, and the unit will be held together by the nation's top linebacking corps, with Oscar Lua, Rey Maualuga, Keith Rivers, Thomas Williams, Dallas Sartz and Brian Cushing all back in the fold. All-conference end Lawrence Jackson, with 10 sacks last fall, leads the way on the D-Line.

The Men of Troy travel to Arkansas to open the season, followed by a visit from Nebraska in Game 2. The late season slate shows consecutive home games against Oregon, California and Notre Dame before the finale at UCLA.

The streak USC's 34-game winning streak, which slammed to a halt in the 2006 Rose Bowl, is tied for sixth-longest in Division I history.

The streak part two Going into the 2006 Rose Bowl, USC had been ranked No. 1 in a record 33 straight AP polls.

'Tis better to receive The 2005 Trojans finished second nationally in turnover margin with a mark of plus-1.62 per game.



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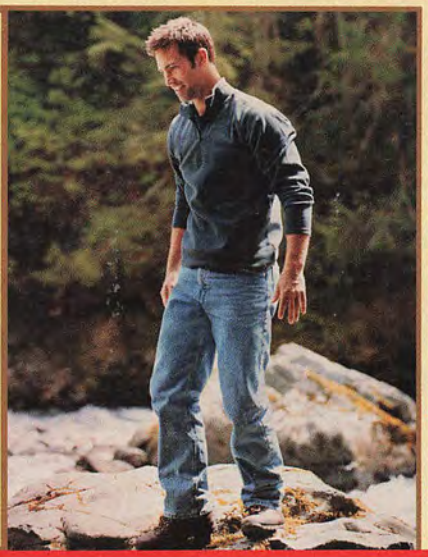

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Ohio State has a 34–20 thumping of resurgent Notre Dame in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl to propel it into the upcoming season. In said bowl game, Buckeye quarterback Troy Smith outperformed this year's Heisman favorite, Irish QB Brady Quinn, and it wasn't even close. Smith, a big-game, big-time quarterback, is now on the Heisman radar himself.

Wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. has the potential to join Smith in a two-man Heisman extravaganza like USC's Leinart-Bush duo of the last two years. In 2005, the electrifying Ginn scored four times on pass receptions, once on a run, once on a punt return and once on a kickoff return.

2005 RESULTS: 10–2 (7–1 BIG TEN)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 OFFENSE, 2 DEFENSE, PUNTER

Tailback Antonio Pittman ran for 1,331 yards last fall, averaging 5.5 per carry, and he will be pushed to the max this year by a pair of Wellses — sophomore Maurice and freshman Chris, the top high school running back in the nation last season. Two new starters are needed up front, but tackle Kirk Barton and guard T.J. Downing return on the right side. Left tackle Doug Datish is moving to center to make room for huge sophomore Alex Boone.

Tackles David Patterson and Quinn Pitcock are the only two starters back on defense. Larry Grant, who originally signed with Florida before spending last season at City College of San Francisco, could move right in at linebacker, where James Laurinaitis, John Kerr and Mike D'Andrea have all played extensively. Lawrence Wilson could make a splash as a sophomore at end, with high-potential youngsters Jamario O'Neal and Malcolm Jenkins filling two of the vacancies in the secondary.

After opening the 2006 slate against Northern Illinois, the Buckeyes pay a return visit to national champion Texas in Game 2. The Penn State (home) and Iowa (away) contests close out September. The Michigan game this season is in Columbus.

Stubborn Ohio State finished the 2005 season ranked No. 1 nationally in rushing defense, allowing only 73.4 yards per game.

Fumm-bell! Only two Division I-A teams — Oklahoma State and Florida International — fumbled the ball away more often (18 times each) last season than the Buckeyes (16).

Big-game player Buckeye quarterback Troy Smith has accounted for 723 total yards in his two starts against Michigan, and 408 yards in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl drubbing of Notre Dame.

FLORIDA GATORS 5

After Year 1 of the Urban Meyer coaching regime, the Gators were playing in January. And this was after a season that had some pitfalls until Meyer adjusted his spread option scheme at midseason to accommodate quarterback Chris Leak's dropback passing talents. Though top receiver Chad Jackson has split for the pros, Andre Caldwell and Dallas Baker make for some inviting downfield targets for the strong-armed Leak. Caldwell missed most of last season with a broken leg after catching 43 passes for 689 yards in 2004.

During the offseason, Meyer expressed chagrin over the situation at tailback, saying he'll play without one unless someone takes charge. The starter is DeShawn Wynn. All three of the backs who played significantly last fall are back, and Wynn, a senior who has run for 19 touchdowns over his career, could finish with a bang. But he'll have to do it behind an offensive line that returns only one starter — Steve Rissler, who is moving from guard to center.

2005 RESULTS: 9–3 (5–3 SEC)

RETURNING STARTERS: 5 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

The Gators will field the best defensive line in the SEC. End Jarvis Moss led the team with 11 tackles for a loss and 7.5 sacks, and he was only used in passing situations. Tackle Marcus Thomas broke through for 10.5 tackles behind the line. Florida is also blessed with two of the league's most talented linebackers in Earl Everett and Brandon Siler, the team's top two tacklers from a year ago. But as formidable as the defensive front appears, the secondary needs three new starters.

Alabama and LSU take on the Gators in the Swamp on consecutive midseason Saturdays, but Tennessee, Auburn, and Florida State are all away games.

Elite eight The 2006 Gators will play eight teams that appeared in 2005-06 bowl games.

Give and take Florida's turnover margin of plus-1.50 per game was third nationally.

Urbanization Meyer has won 81 percent of his games as a head coach at 48–11 over five years, and he has never come close to a losing record.

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6 WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Fresh off an 11–1 campaign and a rousing Sugar Bowl win over Southeastern Conference champion Georgia, the Mountaineers are riding the crest of a wave that could carry them through a virtually made-to-order schedule clean into January. A midseason trip to Louisville is the most imposing challenge. But it's more than just the schedule — sophomore sensations Pat White and Steve Slaton return at quarterback and running back, respectively, and they again will be operating behind a line spearheaded by first-team All-Big East center Dan Mozes.

Slaton, the 2005 Big East Rookie of the Year, and White each finished in the league's top six in rushing, with Slaton netting 1,128 yards at 5.5 per carry, with 17 touchdowns. At 245 pounds, fullback Owen Schmitt puts some thump in the running attack, averaging 7.9 yards on 48 carries last fall.

Adam Bednarik started the first half of the season at quarterback before injuries derailed him, opening the door for White. Bednarik, who completed 73 percent of his throws with four touchdown tosses before exiting, is also back along with the top six pass catchers from a year ago. Brandon Myles paced the group, averaging a hair under 16 yards on 34 receptions.

2005 RESULTS: 11–1 (7–0 BIG EAST)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, PLACEKICKER

The defense has been somewhat harder hit by graduation, with not one but two first-team All-Big East safeties — Mike Lorello and Jahmile Addae — leading the parade out of Morgantown. Linebackers Kevin McLee, a first-team All-Big East selection in 2005, and Jay Henry, and tackle Keilen Dykes, the team's top sack man, will man the front lines while coach Rich Rodriguez settles on four new starters in his five-man secondary.

About that trip to Louisville on Nov. 2: This will be the conference's showcase game of the season. Resurgent Rutgers in the Dec. 2 finale should not be overlooked.

John Grieshop

New standard Freshman quarterback Pat White set a Big East single-game record for quarterbacks with 220 rushing yards in the Pittsburgh contest.

Conference kingpin West Virginia has won or shared the last three Big East championships.

Grounded The 2005 Mountaineers led the Big East in both rushing offense (272.4) and rushing defense (109.7).

Layne Murdoch

7 TEXAS LONGHORNS

Texas is coming off its fourth national title, a perfect 13–0 season and a 41–38 Rose Bowl win over USC. The Trojan defense didn't have an answer for Vince Young, and now Young is gone. But let's not forget that the Longhorns would have been a great team even without him.

When Ryan Perrilloux jilted Mack Brown and Company on Signing Day 2005, he left the Horns in a predicament at quarterback for 2006, and Young's departure for the pros with a year of eligibility left didn't help matters. Brown probably will turn to a true freshman — *Parade* All-American Jevan Snead — at quarterback. Colt McCoy paid his dues as a freshman last year, running the scout team while redshirting, and provides a sound backup plan.

2005 RESULTS: 13–0 (8–0 BIG 12)

RETURNING STARTERS: 5 OFFENSE, 7 DEFENSE, NO KICKERS

Jamaal Charles is back at tailback after netting 878 yards at an eye-popping 7.4 per carry, with 11 touchdowns. And he accomplished this while sharing starting duties with Selvin Young, who also returns with 2,104 career all-purpose yards under his belt. Ramonce Taylor tied Vince Young for the team-high with 12 touchdown runs last year, averaging 6.8 per carry. Taylor will also see time at wide receiver, having caught 27 passes, three for scores, in '05. Speaking of wide receivers, Limas Sweed, Billy Pittman and Quan Cosby all return after combining for 85 catches with 12 touchdowns and 18.4 yards per grab.

The Longhorns always can boast some of the most formidable lines in the game. All-America tackle Justin Blalock anchors the O-Line heading into the 2006 campaign. On defense, ends Brian Robison and Tim Crowder, who combined for 24 tackles for a loss and 10 sacks last fall, and tackle Frank Okam all return to their starting assignments, along with enviable depth. Michael Griffin led the national champions in tackles from his safety spot, and is a steadying influence in the back seven.

Texas' title defense gets an early test on Sept. 9, when Ohio State comes to Austin. After that, it's clear sailing until the Red River Shootout on Oct. 7 and trips to Nebraska and Texas Tech later in the month.

And counting Texas now enjoys the nation's longest winning streak at 20 games.

Beating the best The 2005 Longhorns defeated three teams ranked in the Top 10 at the time the games were played — No. 1 USC, No. 4 Ohio State and No. 10 Texas Tech.

Can't top this Texas has posted the best record in Division I-A over the last five years at 56–8.

John Medina

8 CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

If USC has a serious challenger in the Pac-10, it's these guys. California returns players who accounted for 98 percent of its rushing yards, 99 percent of its passing yards, 92 percent of its receiving yards, 46 of 49 offensive touchdowns, 27 of its 32 sacks and 12 of its 15 interceptions from last season.

Coach Jeff Tedford will turn back to Nate Longshore as his quarterback. Longshore, a 2003 *Parade* All-American who redshirted in 2004, opened last season as the starter before an ankle injury in Game 1 finished him for the year. Joe Ayoob, who started most of the way, and Steve Levy, who took over just before the end of the season and led the Bears to victory in both his starts, also return. Redshirt freshman Kyle Reed is in the mix, as well.

2005 RESULTS: 8–4 (4–4 PAC-10)

RETURNING STARTERS: 7 OFFENSE, 6 DEFENSE, PLACEKICKER

With tailbacks Marshawn Lynch and Justin Forsett both back for '06, one football just doesn't seem like enough. Lynch roared for 1,246 yards at 6.4 per carry; Forsett netted 999 yards, averaging 7.6. The two combined for 16 rushing touchdowns. And all of the top receivers are back, led by DeSean Jackson with 38 catches, seven for scores, in 2005.

The offensive line has taken some graduation hits, but returnees Scott Smith and Erik Robertson should solidify the unit. The defensive line is the nation's best, with four regulars and six of the top seven contributors back. Ends Nu'u Tafisi and Phillip Mbakogu and All-America tackle Brandon Mebane return to wreak yet more havoc in opponents' backfields.

Linebacker Desmond Bishop is back after leading the 2005 Bears in tackles, while Daymeion Hughes, a first-team All-Pac-10 returnee, and Tim Mixon are as fine a pair of cornerbacks as there is in the league.

California opens its 2006 campaign in Knoxville, taking on the Tennessee Vols, and closes at home in the Big Game against Stanford. But the Nov. 18 clash at USC could be even bigger.

Ground attack The 2005 Golden Bears finished ninth in the nation in rushing with 235 yards per game.

Three-year mark Cal's 26 wins over the last three years comprise the best three-year stretch since the 27 wins the Golden Bears posted in 1949-51.

Lighting it up Each of coach Jeff Tedford's four California teams has averaged at least 32 points per game.

9 AUBURN TIGERS

The dream backfield of Jason Campbell, Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams left en masse following the 2004 season, leading to some dire 2005 preseason scenarios. So what happened? The '05 Tigers averaged more rushing yards (194.1), points (32.2), and first downs (21.4) than in '04. Brandon Cox inherited the quarterback job from Campbell and looked like he knew what he was doing right out of the gate. He finished second in the SEC in both passing yardage and passing efficiency. Running back Kenny Irons took a little longer to get untracked, but he ended up leading the conference in rushing with 1,293 yards and 13 touchdowns. In his first year eligible after transferring from South Carolina, Irons landed on the 2005 All-SEC first team. Brad Lester, who averaged 6.5 yards on 52 rushing attempts also returns.

There will be some unfamiliar (though more pronounceable) names in the receiving corps, though Courtney Taylor returns for his senior year with 99 career receptions, tied for sixth-most in school history.

2005 RESULTS: 9–3 (7–1 SEC)

RETURNING STARTERS: 5 OFFENSE, 6 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

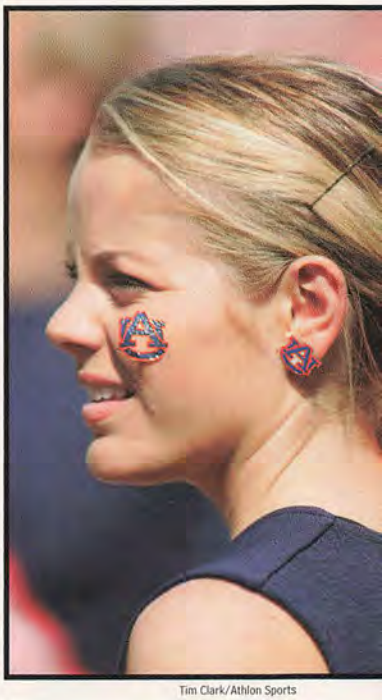
The leading tackler on the team last year was safety Will Herring, and he is moving to linebacker for 2005 in part to make room for Tristan Davis at safety. Davis, who played both ways last fall, is considered the best athlete on the team. He ran for 162 yards against Kentucky, including a 75-yard touchdown run, and notched four tackles on the season. He is the new free safety with David Irons and Jonathan Wilhite returning at the corners. The front four will be led by top-flight ends Marquies Gunn and Quentin Groves.

Auburn will host their nearest competition in the West Division — LSU — in Game 3. Florida and Georgia are also home games for the 2006 Tigers. The Alabama game is slated for Tuscaloosa this year.

League dominance Auburn has the best record in SEC games over the last six years at 36–12 (.750) and has won or shared five of the last six SEC West division titles.

The top three Auburn's overall record of 22–3 (.880) over the last two years ranks third nationally, behind only USC (25–1, .962) and Texas (24–1, .960).

Not by air Auburn tied for second nationally in 2005 by allowing only eight touchdown passes all year.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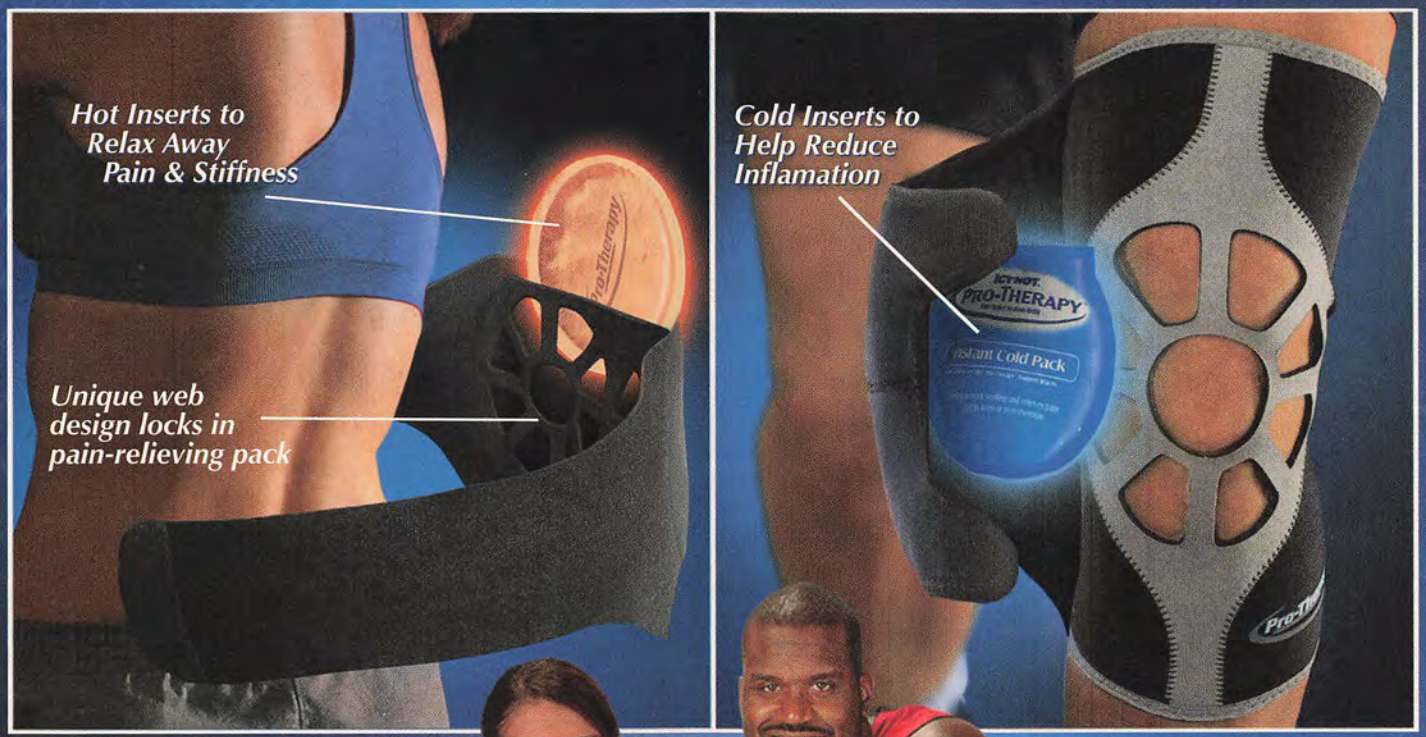
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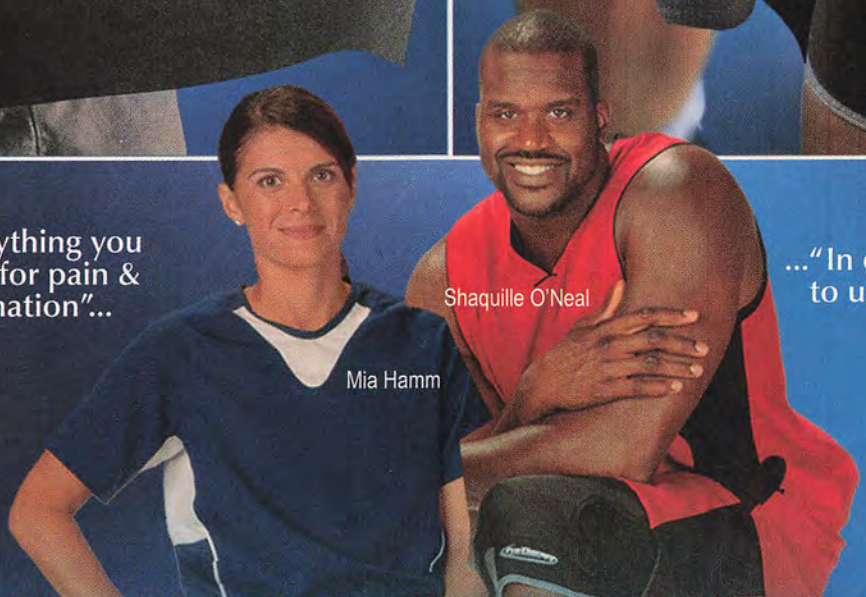

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10 LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

Quarterback Brian Brohm is back after a 2,883-yard, 19-touchdown passing sophomore year despite missing the last two games of the season with a knee injury. Brohm completed 69 percent of his throws and ranked second nationally in passing efficiency. Hunter Cantwell started the final two games of 2005 in Brohm's absence and performed well, winning at Connecticut in the regular-season finale and throwing for 216 yards and three touchdowns in the Gator Bowl loss to Virginia Tech. Cantwell got most of the reps in spring practice while Brohm was rehabbing the knee.

The Cardinals are as deep at tailback as any team in the nation. Michael Bush is back after netting 1,143 yards at 5.6 per carry in '05, and finishing second nationally to USC's LenDale White with 23 rushing touchdowns. Kolby Smith managed 523 yards and six scores while battling through injuries, while George Stripling also returns after a 621-yard, seven-touchdown campaign.

2005 RESULTS: 9–3 (5–2 BIG EAST)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 OFFENSE, 7 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

Stripling averaged a whopping 7.9 yards per carry, and if you like averages, the team's top returning receiver, Mario Urrutia, averaged 21.5 yards on 37 catches in 2005.

Defensive end Elvis Dumervil took his NCAA-high 20 sacks with him to the NFL, and four-year starter Travis Leffew leaves a giant hole at offensive left tackle. But the Cardinals should once again be strong in the trenches with 2005 Freshman All-America center Eric Wood anchoring the offensive line and senior tackle Amobi Okoye leading the defensive charge.

Linebackers Nate Harris and Abe Brown return after combining for 20 tackles behind the line last fall, and all four starters return in the secondary.

A Sept. 16 matchup with Miami in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium could be an early roadblock. Then there appears to be smooth sailing until West Virginia comes calling on Nov. 2. The open date the previous week could be a real blessing.

Potent offense Louisville finished the 2005 season ranked ninth nationally in total offense at 482 yards per game and third in scoring with 43.4 points per game.

On the map In three years under head coach Bobby Petrino, the Cardinals are 29–8 and have won nine or more games every season.

Star power In 2005, Louisville provided the Big East with both its Offensive Player of the Year in quarterback Brian Brohm, and its Defensive Player of the Year in end Elvis Dumervil.

11 LSU TIGERS

The last two games LSU played were both in the Georgia Dome, and neither one was a close game. Georgia thumped the Tigers 34–14 in the SEC Championship Game, then first-year coach Les Miles' squad responded with a 40–3 demolition of Miami in the Peach Bowl.

The victory over the Hurricanes was accomplished with backup Matt Flynn subbing for injured starter JaMarcus Russell at quarterback. Russell still enters 2006 as the starter after completing 61 percent of his passes for 2,443 yards and 15 touchdowns last year. But the quarterback situation is a healthy one after Flynn was 13-of-22 for 196 yards and ran for 39 more yards, earning game MVP honors with his performance against the Miami defense.

2005 RESULTS: 11–2 (7–1 SEC)

RETURNING STARTERS: 4 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, DUAL-PURPOSE KICKER

Leading rusher Joseph Addai must be replaced, but Alley Broussard, who ran for 867 yards and 10 scores in '04, and Justin Vincent are familiar names. They will keep the ground game rolling along if their knees hold up. If not, freshman Keiland Williams will get a shot.

The receiving corps is the jewel of the LSU offense. Dwayne Bowe averaged 17.3 yards on 41 receptions with nine touchdowns last fall, and is the leader of a group that includes other long-ball threats such as Craig Davis and Early Doucet.

The Tigers have sustained serious graduation hits on both lines, but the replacements always seem to be there. Claude Wroten and Kyle Williams both were first-team All-SEC defensive tackles a year ago and are now drawing paychecks in the NFL.

There are no better defensive secondaries than LSU's, with LaRon Landry back for his fourth year at free safety headlining the group.

The SEC West could be settled early with LSU's trip to Auburn on Sept. 16. The Florida game in early October is also on the road.

Access denied LSU finished the 2005 season ranked third in the nation in scoring defense (14.2 ppg).

Almost a hundred The Tigers' minus-.69 turnover margin last season ranked 99th nationally.

Three-down territory LSU finished second in Division I-A last fall in third down defense, allowing opponents a mere 28.2-percent conversion rate.

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12 CLEMSON TIGERS

Clemson enters 2006 with some momentum in the form of a four-game winning streak, and wins in six of its last seven games. There are eight starters back on offense, but one of them isn't the quarterback. Charlie Whitehurst has turned the reins over to senior Will Proctor, who completed 58 percent of his tosses with three TDs and no INTs last season.

Proctor has a first-rate receiving corps to work with, led by Chansi Stuckey and Aaron Kelly, who combined for 111 catches last fall. But mostly he will be handing off to running back James Davis, the 2005 ACC Rookie of the Year. As a true freshman, Davis ran for 879 yards at well over five yards a carry, with nine scores. He was the MVP of Clemson's 19–10 Champs Sports Bowl win over Colorado, when he ran for 150 yards against a Buffalo defense ranked 11th in the nation against the run. Reggie Merriweather picked up 715 yards on the ground himself last year and has 1,441 for his career, and he's back too. And all five starters return on the offensive line, spearheaded by All-ACC guard Roman Fry.

2005 RESULTS: 8–4 (4–4 ACC)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 OFFENSE, 7 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

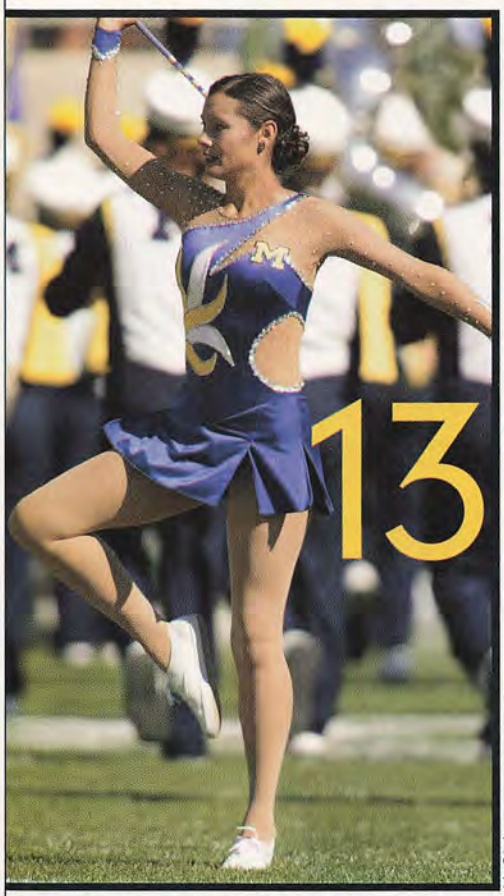
All three starting linebackers — Anthony Waters, Nick Watkins and Tramaine Billie — return after finishing 1-2-3 on the team in tackles. Waters, who lines up in the middle, broke through for 13.5 tackles behind the line and batted down seven passes. End Gaines Adams notched 15 tackles for a loss and 9.5 sacks, and broke up nine passes.

Bowden Bowl VIII, set for Sept. 16 in Tallahassee, could clear up the picture in the Atlantic Division early on. The Georgia Tech game at Clemson and the trip to Virginia Tech come five days apart — Oct. 21 and 26.

Ball protection Clemson lost only five fumbles all last season, the fourth-fewest in the nation.

Standing invitation In his nine years as a head coach (including two at Tulane), Tommy Bowden has yet to have a team not finish the regular season bowl eligible.

Fond farewell Charlie Whitehurst leaves Clemson in possession of 46 school records, including the marks for passing yards, touchdown passes and total offense.



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13 MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

In his second year in the Maize and Blue, Chad Henne completed a lower percentage of his passes for fewer yards and fewer touchdowns than he did as a freshman. Call it the absence of Braylon Edwards to throw to, or just the sophomore jinx. But still, Henne's 2005 numbers of 223-for-382 for 2,526 yards and a touchdown-to-interception margin of 23-8 are nothing to sneeze at.

The team loses its top receiver again — this time it's Jason Avant — but wide receivers Mario Manningham and Steve Breaston and tight end Tyler Ecker provide Henne with a veteran pass-catching contingent. After setting the Big Ten on fire as a true freshman with 1,455 rushing yards, running back Mike Hart battled through injuries last year, missing four games entirely, but still rushed for a team-high 662 yards. Last year's true freshman, Kevin Grady, picked up the slack and led the team with five rushing touchdowns.

2005 RESULTS: 7–5 (5–3 BIG TEN)

RETURNING STARTERS: 6 OFFENSE, 8 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

Jake Long made second-team All-Big Ten as a freshman two years ago but spent most of last season recuperating from offseason shoulder surgery. He made the move in the spring from right tackle to left tackle and again anchors the offensive line, along with center Mark Bihl.

End Lamarr Woodley, tackle Alan Branch, and linebackers David Harris and Prescott Burgess solidify the defensive front. Harris led the Wolverines in tackles last year with 88. Woodley registered team highs with 14 tackles for a loss and seven sacks. The team's top pass interceptor, cornerback Leon Hall, also returns after picking off four passes and is one of three returning starters in the secondary.

The 2006 schedule opens with Vanderbilt and Central Michigan in the Big House before hitting the road for the matchup with the Fighting Irish. The Wolverines play host to Michigan State and Iowa in October. The Ohio State contest is in Columbus this year.

No flags Michigan was the least penalized team in the nation, drawing 4.0 flags per game.

Lucky seven In two career bowl games, Chad Henne has thrown seven touchdown passes.

Branching out Michigan defensive tackle Alan Branch set a school postseason record with five tackles behind the line in last season's Alamo Bowl.

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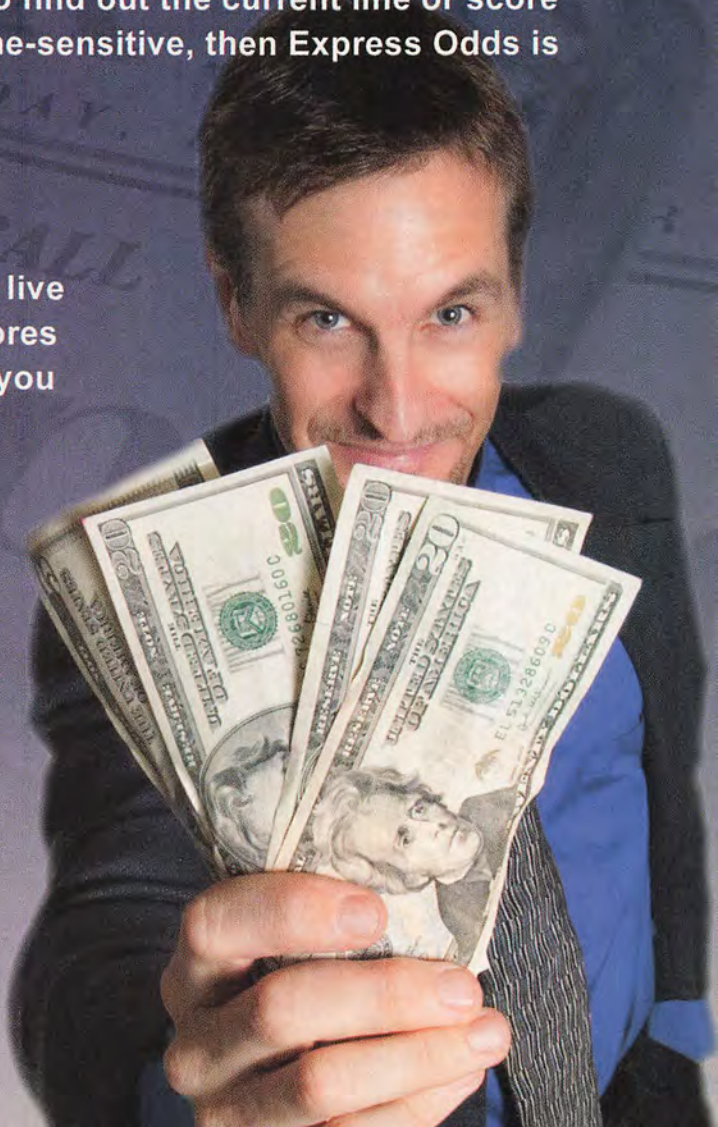

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Bill Wood

There was a shakeup — no, let's make that, earthquake, on the Miami coaching staff following the 40–3 embarrassment at the hands of LSU in the Peach Bowl, when four top assistants were shown the door. Also gone are leading receiver Sinorice Moss, four offensive line starters and kick returner extraordinaire Devin Hester.

Kyle Wright begins his junior season under the eyes of first-year offensive coordinator Rich Olson, who has spent the last 12 years coaching in the NFL, and new quarterbacks coach Todd Berry. Wright posted good numbers (59 percent completion average, 2,403 yards, 18 touchdowns to 10 interceptions) for a first-time starter, but he is capable of much more. High-potential wide receivers Ryan Moore, Lance Leggett and Darnell Jenkins also need to step it up. Tight End Greg Olsen might be the best pass catcher on the team; he leads the returnees with 31 catches in 2005.

2005 RESULTS: 9–3 (6–2 ACC)

RETURNING STARTERS: 5 OFFENSE, 6 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

Tyrone Moss ran for 701 yards and 12 touchdowns before a knee injury felled him after eight games. The prognosis is good for his 100 percent return. Also returning is Charlie Jones, who started the rest of the way and netted 507 yards. A new offensive line has to be assembled around returning center Anthony Wollschlager.

The Canes boasts perhaps the best pair of safeties in the nation. Brandon Meriweather led the Canes in tackles with 115, including 13 for a loss, and Kenny Phillips started 11 games as a true freshman and was a unanimous freshman All-American. Opposing offenses will have to game plan for Phillips for at least the next two years. End Baraka Atkins and linebacker Tavares Gooden are the bell-ringers up front.

The Hurricanes will open 2006 at home to Florida State on Monday, Sept. 4, then travel to Louisville in Week 3. Later in the season, on consecutive weekends, come games at Georgia Tech and home to Virginia Tech.

Winners Since 2000, Miami has the highest winning percentage of all Division I-A schools at .865 (64–10), having recorded at least nine wins in each of the six seasons.

Point taken Miami placekicker Jon Peattie leads all current players nationally in scoring with 272 points over his first three seasons.

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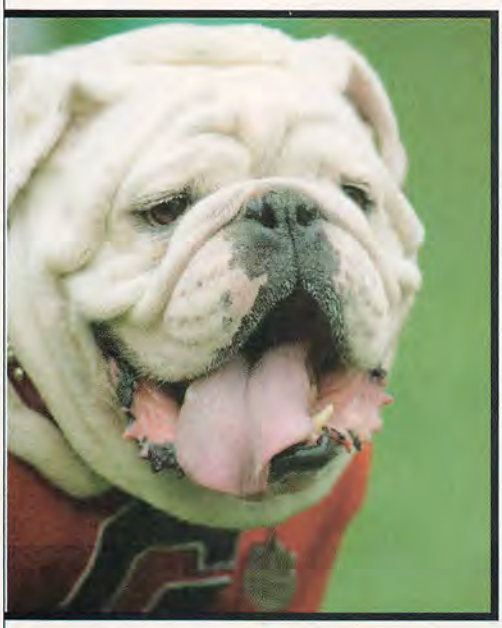

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Depending on which service you subscribe to, any one of three 2006 quarterback recruits could have been No. 1 at the position. And Georgia's Matthew Stafford is one of them. Stafford enrolled at Georgia for the spring, practiced with the team and could be calling signals from day one. But he'll have to push Joe Tereshinski, of the Georgia Tereshinskis, out of the way first. Tereshinski is a senior with six game appearances and one start last season, and he isn't going to let his last chance slip away without a fight.

There is not a deeper and more varied tailback contingent anywhere in America than the one in Athens. Thomas Brown is the returning starter, having run for 736 yards last fall. As a freshman backup in 2004, he netted 875. The starter that year was Danny Ware, a true freshman who rushed for 724 yards. Both are now juniors with a combined 2,827 career yards. And Kregg Lumpkin, potentially the most electrifying of the three, finished last year strong after missing 2004 with a knee injury.

Tight end Leonard Pope split for the pros and will be a load to replace, but the most productive of last year's wideouts, Mohamed Massaquoi, is back. Tackle Daniel Inman and center Nick Jones are still around to steady a mostly rebuilt offensive line.

2005 RESULTS: 10–3 (6–2 SEC)

RETURNING STARTERS: 4 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

First-team All-SEC end Quentin Moses returns after chalking up 20.5 tackles for a loss last season, but he is the only returning starter in the line, as is rover Tra Battle in the secondary. Six new defensive starters will be positioned around the linebacking corps that returns in force from last fall.

The conference slate starts with a trip to South Carolina in Game 2, ends with three consecutive road trips to Florida, Kentucky and Auburn, and in between features a home game against Tennessee.

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16 IOWA HAWKEYES

The concussion quarterback Drew Tate suffered in Game 2 against Iowa State last year, along with breaking in four first-time starters on the defensive line, precipitated a bit of a stumble for the Hawkeyes early on, after a preseason of such high expectations. It didn't take Tate all season to round back into form, however. For the season he completed 62 percent of his passes for almost 3,000 yards and 22 touchdowns with seven interceptions. Tate's backup, Jason Manson, got some meaningful snaps in game action and was 24-of-48.

One thing Iowa has going into 2006 it didn't have going into 2005 is a clear picture at running back. Albert Young is back after churning out 1,334 rushing yards last season, including more than 1,000 yards in Big Ten games to lead the conference. He passed the century mark in seven straight games. With Young, Damian Sims and Shonn Greene, the team's top three rushers are back from '05.

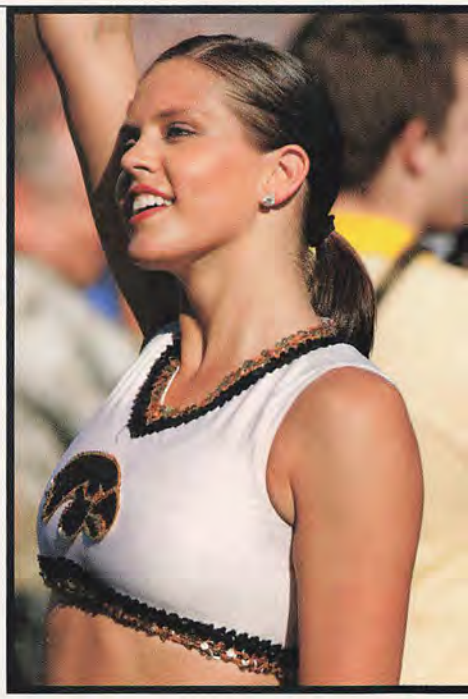
2005 RESULTS: 7–5 (5–3 BIG TEN)

RETURNING STARTERS: 7 OFFENSE, 7 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

Coach Kirk Ferentz will have to replace his top two wide receivers, Clinton Solomon and Ed Hinkel, but tight end Scott Chandler led the team in receptions last year with 47. Still Solomon and Hinkel's seven touchdown catches apiece will have to be accounted for somehow. Three-game starter Herb Grigsby will take one of the spots. Guard Mike Jones and center Mike Elgin spearhead a formidable offensive line.

The defensive line, returning en masse, features All-Big Ten end Kenny Iwebema and 2005 Freshman All-America tackle Mitch King. Outside linebacker Edmond Miles and safeties Marcus Paschal and Miguel Merrick will steady things in the back seven, where linebackers Chad Greenway and Abdul Hodge and two four-year starting cornerbacks all have to be replaced.

Iowa State appears to be the high point of an otherwise non-challenging out-of-conference schedule. Ohio State comes to Kinnick Stadium for the Sept. 30 contest. The Michigan game this year is in Ann Arbor on Oct. 21.

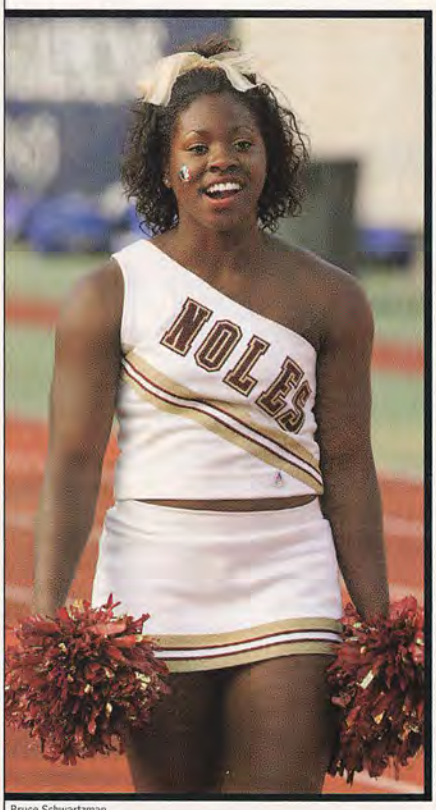


Gotcha covered: Iowa led the nation last fall in kickoff coverage, allowing a mere 14.9 yards per return.

What a run: The Hawkeyes have put together the greatest four-year run in school history (38–12 in 2002-05).

Happy New Year: Iowa is one of only four schools, along with USC, Georgia and Florida State, to play in January bowl games each of the last four years.

Iowa: Courtland Richards



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17 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

The 2005 All-ACC team had no Seminoles on the first team. That should change this year, starting at quarterback. Drew Weatherford completed 59 percent of his passes for 3,208 yards and 18 touchdowns and also ran for three scores.

Weatherford won't be hurting for targets, with Chris Davis and Greg Carr both returning. Davis led the '05 Noles with 51 catches. Carr, at 6'6", proved to be the big-play man, posting team highs with 20.6 yards per reception and nine touchdowns.

Lorenzo Booker returns for his senior year at tailback after leading FSU in rushing with 552 yards and four TD runs, and he wasn't even the starter. Booker also posted touchdown catches of 71 and 57 yards. The offensive line dealt with injuries last year and, despite the return of three starters, still is thin. Tackle David Obermyer and guards Jacky Claude and Cory Niblock return to their posts, Mario Henderson finished last season at left tackle, and junior college transfer Shannon Boatman is a welcome addition.

2005 RESULTS: 8–5 (5–3 ACC)

RETURNING STARTERS: 5 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, KICKERS

The graduation of end Kamerion Wimbley and tackle Brodrick Bunkley might take some of the starch out of a fierce pass rush. End Darrell Burston and tackle Andre Fluellen will try to pick up the slack after combining for 12.5 tackles behind the line last fall. Hard-hitting two-year starter Buster Davis is back at middle linebacker and is the linchpin of the defense. Davis and speedy corner Tony Carter are the only returning starters in the back seven.

The 2006 schedule begins with a Monday Night game at Miami on Sept. 4 and ends with a visit from Florida on Nov. 25.

Air ball The 2005 Seminoles led the ACC in passing offense at 283 yards per game.

Incoming! The Noles ranked third nationally last year in tackles for loss with 9.7 per game, and seventh in sacks with 3.46 per game.

Bright future There were 27 true and redshirt freshmen who saw game action last year for Florida State, and still there are only six scholarship seniors on the 2006 projected two-deep.

18. TCU HORNED FROGS

2005 RESULTS: 11–1 (8–0 MOUNTAIN WEST)
RETURNING STARTERS: 6 OFFENSE, 9 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

The expression "embarrassment of riches" was coined with the 2006 TCU running back depth chart in mind.

Seniors Robert Merrill and Lonta Hobbs have run for well over 5,000 career yards between them. Each surpassed 1,000 yards as freshmen. Merrill led the team with 911 last year while Hobbs spent most of the year on the shelf with a groin injury. Sophomore Aaron Brown ran for 758 yards as a freshman last year, led the MWC's top 10 rushers with 5.9 per carry and was the conference Freshman of the Year.

At linebacker, Jason Phillips and Robert Henson were the top two tacklers on the team last year as freshmen and added 8.5 tackles for a loss apiece. Phillips and David Hawthorne, who also returns for 2006, were the starters, with Henson as their top backup.

There are three All-MWC first team returnees in the trenches: offensive tackle Herbert Taylor and defensive ends Chase Ortiz and Tommy Blake. Blake and Ortiz combined for 27.5 tackles for a loss and 16 sacks last fall. And Jeff Ballard is 8–0 as the Frogs' starting quarterback.

The meat of the 2006 schedule comes early, with Texas Tech and BYU both visiting Amon G. Carter Stadium in September and a trip to Utah on Oct. 5.

Streaking TCU owns the nation's second-longest winning streak at 10 games, behind only national champion Texas' 20.

The champs The 2005 Horned Frogs won the school's first outright conference title since 1958.

Topping the charts TCU's turnover margin of plus-1.75 per game led the nation last year.

19. OREGON DUCKS

2005 RESULTS: 10–2 (7–1 PAC-10)
RETURNING STARTERS: 6 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

Dennis Dixon and Brady Leaf are listed Nos. 1 and 1A at quarterback entering 2006. Dixon's skills are simply better suited to the spread option, now entering its second year as Oregon's offensive modus operandi. Dixon was a 66-percent passer and threw for six touchdowns and three INTs, and won all three games he started at the end of the regular season.

The graduation of Terrence Whitehead leaves the tailback job in the capable hands of Jonathan Stewart, who led the nation in kickoff returns last fall as a freshman with a 33.7-yard average and two touchdowns. He added six more scores running from scrimmage.

Six receivers return who finished in double digits in catches in 2005, and all five starters return to an offensive line that improved its sacks-allowed total from 41 to 20 between 2004 and '05.

Tackle Haloti Ngata is virtually irreplaceable from the defensive front, but ends Matt Toeaina and Darius Sanders return after combining for 15 tackles behind the line. Patrick Chung and J.D. Nelson comprise one of the finest safety duos in the Pac-10.

Mike Bellotti, the dean of Pac-10 coaches, will know how good his team is before October starts, with games against Oklahoma and at Arizona State slated for September. USC and Oregon State are November road trips.

Air attack Oregon finished 2005 with the nation's eighth-most productive passing offense at 304.5 yards per game.

Thievery Oregon's defense intercepted 23 passes last year, good for second place in Division I-A.

Second and trying harder During Mike Bellotti's 11 years as head man in Eugene, Oregon has posted the second-most wins (90) of any team in the Pac-10.

20. TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

2005 RESULTS: 5–6 (3–5 SEC)
RETURNING STARTERS: 4 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

After earning acclaim for his passing as a freshman in 2004, Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge regressed markedly in 2005. But with noted quarterback guru David Cutcliffe back on the Hill as offensive coordinator, Ainge will be back on track in short order.

Even before Gerald Riggs Jr. went down with an injury at midseason, freshman Arian Foster was already running harder than any other back on the team. Despite starting only the last five games of the season, Foster rambled for 879 yards and five touchdowns, both team highs, and topped the 100-yard mark in all five of his starts. Robert Meachem, Jayson Swain and Bret Smith comprise a veteran wideout corps, having combined for 77 catches last fall.

First-team All-SEC tackle Arron Sears anchors an otherwise rebuilt offensive line. The defensive line likewise returns only one starter — tackle Justin Harrell. In fact, Harrell is the lone ranger in the entire front seven. The secondary, however, returns intact, with cornerback Jonathan Wade and free safety Jonathan Hefney particularly disruptive to an opponent's passing game.

Florida and LSU both come to Knoxville this year, with the midseason game at Georgia looming large. The visit from Cal for the Sept. 2 opener should generate national interest.

Decade of dominance Over the last 10 years, Tennessee is the winningest team in the SEC at 95–30 (.760), ranking fifth nationally.

More winning numbers After 14 years, Phillip Fulmer owns the highest winning percentage of any active coach in Division I-A with at least 10 years on the job at .776 (128–37).

Not if by land Tennessee's 2005 rushing defense ranked second nationally, allowing only 82.5 yards per game and 2.5 per attempt.

21. VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

2005 RESULTS: 11–2 (7–1 ACC)
RETURNING STARTERS: 4 OFFENSE, 6 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

First-team All-ACC quarterback Marcus Vick is gone, leaving little experience at the position. Sophomores Sean Glennon and Cory Holt and redshirt freshman Ike Whitaker will continue to battle it out for the job into the fall.

Brandon Ore sat out the spring to rehab a shoulder injury, but he is the top running back in camp, having run for 647 yards at 5.9 per carry with six touchdowns last fall. The wide receiver corps should be sensational, with the team's top three pass-catchers from 2005 — David Clowney, Josh Morgan and Eddie Royal — all back for '06.

The offensive line returns two starters, while defensive end Chris Ellis is the lone returning starter on the D-Line. All-America cornerback Jimmy Williams will be tough to replace, but rover Aaron Rouse led the Hokies in interceptions last year with four, and he's back.

Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi are active, disruptive linebackers, combining for 15.5 tackles for a loss and four interceptions in 2005. Hall and Adibi each scored on interception returns.

Georgia Tech and Clemson both play at Blacksburg this season, Clemson on Thursday night, Oct. 26. Nine days later comes the Virginia Tech-Miami clash in the Orange Bowl.

Chasing the legends Other than Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden, Frank Beamer has won more games than any other active coach in Division I-A, with 188 and counting.

Winning with D The 2005 Hokies led the nation in total defense, allowing only 247.6 yards per game, and were second in scoring defense at 12.9 points per game.

Gone bowling Virginia Tech is one of only four schools that has appeared in each of the last 13 postseasons.

22. TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

2005 RESULTS: 9–3 (6–2 BIG 12)
RETURNING STARTERS: 8 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

Cody Hodges threw for 4,283 yards last season and has graduated. Sophomore Graham Harrell takes over this season, and he'll probably put up similar numbers. It's the system. In six game appearances last fall, Harrell was 37-of-55 with three touchdown tosses and no interceptions. Perhaps the biggest graduation loss is running back Taurean Henderson. Sophomore Shannon Woods is the favorite to replace him. In 24 carries last year, Woods averaged seven yards and scored three touchdowns.

Texas Tech's deluxe fleet of wide receivers could challenge USC's for the title of nation's best. Joel Filani and Jarrett Hicks are both first-team All-Big 12 returnees who caught 65 passes each with 18 touchdown grabs between them. Robert Johnson, the 2005 Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, caught 67 balls, four for scores. Four starters return in the offensive line, spearheaded by guard Manuel Ramirez.

Second-team All-Big 12 defensive end Keyunta Dawson has been moved to linebacker, where he will join the team's top returning tackler, Fletcher Session. Defensive tackles Chris Hudler and Ken Scott return to their starting assignments, but three new starters are needed in the secondary.

Road games against UTEP and TCU in Games 2 and 3 of '06 could be challenging. Late in the season, the Red Raiders host Texas and travel to Oklahoma.

Conference kingpin Texas Tech is the only Big 12 school to post winning records in each of the last 10 seasons.

Bombs away The Red Raiders led the nation in passing offense last year with 389 yards per game.

Go for it Texas Tech had the third-highest fourth-down conversion rate in the nation last year at 77.8 percent (14-of-18).

23. UTAH UTES

2005 RESULTS: 7–5 (4–4 MWC)
RETURNING STARTERS: 7 OFFENSE, 8 DEFENSE, PUNTER

All-American Alex Smith left Utah after his sensational 2004 season, leaving the ball in the hands of Brian Johnson, and all Johnson did was lead the Mountain West in passing efficiency and total offense and land on the all-conference second team. After Johnson went down with a knee injury, junior college transfer Brett Ratliff took over, threw for four touchdowns and ran for 112 yards and another score in a 41–34 upset of BYU in the regular-season finale. Then he completed 73 percent of his passes for Emerald Bowl and Utah postseason records of 381 yards and four touchdowns in a 38–10 rout of Georgia Tech. Head coach Kyle Whittingham has a decision to make.

He also has to find help for his signal-caller, with the top two receivers and second-team All-MWC running back Quinton Ganther all gone. Three returning starters up front, led by second-team all-conference tackle Tavo Tupola, will be a welcome sight.

The unquestioned leader of the Ute defense is cornerback Eric Weddle, the reigning Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

The 2006 season starts with a bang at UCLA on Sept. 2. The midseason matchup with TCU and the finale against BYU are both in the friendly confines of Rice-Eccles Stadium.

Still clicking The Utes led the Mountain West Conference in total offense last year with 473 yards per game.

Winning habit Utah's 18-game winning streak that ended in an overtime loss to TCU last season is a school record.

Fast start Kyle Whittingham is only the second coach in Utah history to go to a bowl game his first year at the helm, and the first to do it without any head coaching experience.

24. ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVILS

2005 RESULTS: 7–5 (4–4 PAC-10)
RETURNING STARTERS: 8 OFFENSE, 5 DEFENSE, BOTH KICKERS

Too bad they only use one football at a time — taken together, Sam Keller and Rudy Carpenter are the best pair of quarterbacks in the country. Keller started the first seven games of the season and completed 59 percent of his passes for 2,165 yards and 20 touchdowns before an injury shelved him for the rest of the year. Carpenter took over and turned in the best season of any freshman quarterback in ASU history — 68 percent completions, 2,273 yards, 17 touchdowns, two interceptions.

Tailback Keegan Herring ran for 870 yards at 5.5 per carry and six TDs last year as a freshman. The versatile Rudy Burgess, who might play both ways in 2006, ran for 644 yards and caught 59 passes. Terry Richardson scored on five receptions and two punt returns. And Zach Miller is arguably the nation's top tight end. This impressive array of talent will be operating behind an offensive line with four returning starters, anchored by senior tackle Andrew Carnahan.

The defense will lean on safety Zack Catanese, who notched 107 tackles last year. He is the only returning starter in the back seven and one of only five on defense.

The Sun Devils will have to take on Cal on Sept. 23 and USC on Oct. 14, both on the road.

Lighting it up Last season's Sun Devils placed in the NCAA's top seven in three major offensive categories: total offense (second with 519 yards per game), passing yardage (third at 373.4) and scoring (seventh at 36.8 points per game).

Top 3 Arizona State has the third-best record in the Pac-10 over the last 25 games at 18–7.

Outscoring In coach Dirk Koetter's five years at Arizona State, the Sun Devils have averaged 31.5 points per game.

25. NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

2005 RESULTS: 8–4 (4–4 BIG 12)
RETURNING STARTERS: 6 OFFENSE, 7 DEFENSE, PLACEKICKER

Nebraska posted a two-and-a-half-game improvement from Year 1 (5–6) to Year 2 (8–4) of the Bill Callahan era, and the Huskers enter 2006 having won their last three contests.

Callahan's West Coast Offense seems finally to be operating efficiently, with quarterback Zac Taylor throwing for seven touchdowns in those three games. He threw for 392 yards and two touchdowns in the regular-season finale at Colorado and added three touchdown tosses in the Alamo Bowl win over Michigan.

Receivers Terrence Nunn and Nate Swift both return after combining for 88 catches, 1,136 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns. And Matt Herian, one of the top pass-catching tight ends in the nation with 53 career receptions, is back after missing all of last season with a broken leg.

The 2005 Cornhusker defense was the best in the nation at getting to the quarterback, and team sack leader Adam Carriker is back at end. Corey McKeon posted team highs with 98 total tackles, 22 tackles for a loss and three interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown, and he's back at his linebacker post.

The 2006 Huskers travel to USC for Game 3 and will host Texas in late October. Oklahoma is conspicuously absent from the slate.

Uncharted territory The 2,692 passing yards by the 2005 Cornhuskers represent a new team record, and Zac Taylor's 2,653 passing yards set a new individual season mark.

SRO Nebraska is enjoying an NCAA-record streak of 275 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium.

Blackshirts Nebraska's famed Blackshirt defense led the nation last fall with 50 sacks.

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2006 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB BRADY QUINN, NOTRE DAME
6'4", 231, SENIOR

As a junior in 2005, Quinn demolished all of the single-season Notre Dame records for passing and total offense, and with a year left he already owns most of the school's career records. Last season, he completed 65 percent of his passes for 3,919 yards and 32 touchdowns with only seven interceptions. He finished fourth in Heisman voting, making him the nation's top returning vote-getter.

RB MICHAEL BUSH, LOUISVILLE
6'2", 250, SENIOR

Bush led the nation in scoring last fall with an average of 14.4 points per game and finished second nationally with 23 rushing touchdowns, a school record. He rushed for 1,143 yards at 5.6 per carry, finished second in the Big East with 139.6 all-purpose yards per game and landed on the all-conference first team.

RB ADRIAN PETERSON, OKLAHOMA
6'2", 218, JUNIOR

In 2004, Peterson set an NCAA single-season record for freshmen with 1,925 yards, averaging 5.7 per carry and running for 15 touchdowns. He topped the 100-yard rushing mark in 11 different contests. Last fall, despite missing all or most of four games with an ankle injury, he still led all Big 12 running backs with 1,108 yards and 14 touchdowns. He passed the 100-yard mark in five games.

Michael Bush

WR DWAYNE JARRETT, USC
6'5", 210, JUNIOR

The big, athletic Jarrett is a mismatch for any defensive back. His 61-yard catch and run on 4th-and-9 against Notre Dame last year, keeping the Trojans' winning streak and Rose Bowl run alive, is an immortal moment. He set the Pac-10 on fire as a freshman in 2004, and last year he caught 91 passes for 1,274 yards and 16 touchdowns. In only two years at USC he has 146 catches for 2,123 yards and 29 TDs.

WR JEFF SAMARDZIJA, NOTRE DAME
6'5", 21, SENIOR

Samardzija, a.k.a. "the Shark," came out of nowhere as a junior to put a major dent in Notre Dame's receiving record book. He tied a 35-year-old school record by catching 77 passes and set new marks with 1,249 receiving yards and 15 touchdown catches. He caught at least one touchdown pass in each of 10 games, including the first eight in a row, and was a consensus first-team All-American.

Arron Sears

TE MATT SPAETH, MINNESOTA
6'6", 270, SENIOR

Spaeth is the ideal tight end — he blocks like a tackle and his receiving numbers speak for themselves. Over his first three years he has 62 receptions for 729 yards and eight touchdowns, grabbing four TD tosses in each of the last two years. He is a returning first-team All-Big Ten selection.

C DAN MOZES, WEST VIRGINIA
6'4", 290, SENIOR

Two years ago, Mozes made first-team All-Big East as a guard. Last fall, after switching to center, he was a second-team AP All-American. He again will spearhead the Mountaineer line that has paved the way for the top rushing attack in the conference for four straight years.

OL SAM BAKER, USC
6'5", 305, JUNIOR

After redshirting his first year at USC, Baker has been the Trojans' starting left tackle ever since. He was a consensus first-team Freshman All-American and second-team All-Pac-10 in '04; first-team all-conference and third-team AP All-America in 2005.

OL JUSTIN BLALOCK, TEXAS
6'4", 329, SENIOR

Blalock takes the baton from Jonathan Scott as the latest in a long line of All-Americans at Offensive Tackle U. He simply overpowers defenders from his right tackle position. He has been first-team All-Big 12 the last two years and was third-team AP All-America in 2005.

OL LEVI BROWN, PENN STATE
6'5", 328, SENIOR

Brown returns at left tackle for the Nittany Lions after leading the team with 869 offensive snaps last season. He has started 34 of the last 35 games, and finished 2005 as a first-team All-Big Ten selection and second-team AP All-America.

OL ARRON SEARS, TENNESSEE
6'4", 320, SENIOR

After starting one game as a freshman in 2003, Sears has been a regular in the lineup ever since. Over his career he has played at every O-Line position except center; he played four positions in the LSU game alone in 2005. Sears is a first-team All-SEC returnee.

K MASON CROSBY, COLORADO
6'2", 210, SENIOR

Crosby was Athlon Sports' preseason All-America kicker in 2005. He responded by hitting 22-of-29 field goal attempts, including 5-of-7 from 50 yards and out, and was a first-team All-American.

KR TED GINN JR., OHIO STATE
6'0", 175, JUNIOR

In 2005, Ginn finished fourth nationally with a 29.6-yard average on 18 kick returns, running one back for a touchdown. He is also one of the most dangerous wide receivers around.

Bush and Sears: Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL DAN BAUZIN, CENTRAL MICHIGAN
6'3", 269, SENIOR

In 2005, Bauzin led the nation in tackles for a loss with 26.5 and finished second in sacks with 16. He also forced five fumbles, fourth-best in that department. He was first-team All-MAC in 2004 and is the reigning conference Defensive Player of the Year.

DL TIM CROWDER, TEXAS
6'4", 270, SENIOR

Crowder enters 2006 with 34 consecutive starts over the last three years at left defensive end. A first-team All-Big 12 returnee, Crowder has recorded 22 career tackles for a loss with 8.5 sacks. He also has batted down 11 passes, intercepted two, and forced four fumbles.

DL LAWRENCE JACKSON, USC
6'5", 265, JUNIOR

As a redshirt freshman in 2004, Jackson started all but one game and was a first-team Freshman All-American. Last season, he registered 13 tackles for a loss, including 10 sacks, and made first-team All-Pac-10 and third-team All-America. Over his two-year career, Jackson has racked up 24 tackles behind the line and 16 sacks.

DL BRANDON MEBANE, CALIFORNIA
6'3", 306, SENIOR

Mebane plays tackle on the best defensive line in America. Despite being hampered much of 2005 with an ankle injury and drawing regular double-team blocks, he still broke through for 9.5 tackles for a loss and a team-high seven sacks, and made first-team All-Pac-10.

LB RUFUS ALEXANDER, OKLAHOMA
6'1", 231, SENIOR

Alexander is a consensus first-team All-Big 12 returnee. As a junior in 2005, he led Oklahoma in tackles with 102, with six double-digit tackle games. He also notched 17 tackles for a loss and five sacks, including three against Nebraska, and intercepted a pass against Kansas.

LB PAUL POSLUSZNY, PENN STATE
6'1", 238, SENIOR

NFL Hall of Famer and former Penn State All-American Jack Ham calls Posluszny "the best linebacker ever to play at Penn State." Posluszny, with 220 tackles including 23 for a loss over the last two seasons, is the reigning Butkus Award winner as the nation's best linebacker.

Paul Posluszny

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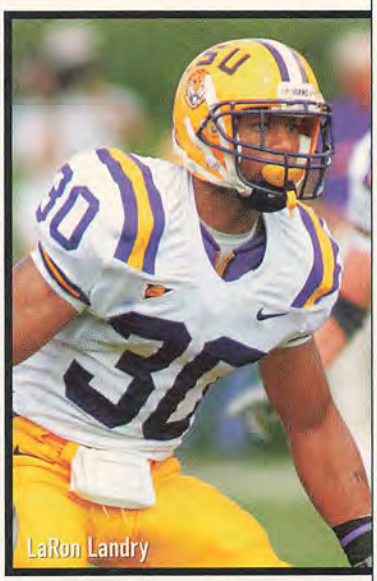
LB PATRICK WILLIS, OLE MISS
6'2", 230, SENIOR

In 2005, Willis led the nation in solo tackles with 9.0 per game. He finished sixth and ranks first among all 2006 returnees with 12.8 total tackles per game. He was named first-team All-SEC by both the media and coaches and was second-team AP All-America.

CB DARRELLE REVIS, PITTSBURGH
6'0", 190, JUNIOR

A first-team All-Big East honoree in 2005, Revis is a key member of the Panther team as both a cornerback and punt returner. In two years, he has six interceptions, including four last year. As a 2004 freshman, he notched 12 pass breakups, then added nine more in '05.


LaRon Landry

CB ERIC WEDDLE, UTAH
6'0", 200, SENIOR

Weddle, the reigning Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year, is entering his fourth year as a starter. In 2003, he started at cornerback and was a Freshman All-American. He moved to safety as a sophomore and back to corner early last season. He led the conference with 16 passes defended, including four interceptions.

S LARON LANDRY, LSU
6'2", 204, SENIOR

Landry was first-team All-SEC and third-team AP All-America in 2005 after picking off three passes and breaking up eight others. He is a three-year starter with career numbers of 12.5 tackles for a loss, seven sacks and nine interceptions.

S BRANDON MERIWEATHER, MIAMI
6'0", 188, SENIOR

Meriweather, who was named to the 2005 All-America team by the Football Writers Association of America, is equally adept at playing both safety spots. As a sophomore in 2004, he started seven games at free safety and notched two interceptions and five pass breakups. At strong safety last year, he picked off three passes, deflected seven and broke through the line for 13 tackles for a loss.

P CHRIS MILLER, BALL STATE
6'2", 212, SOPHOMORE

Miller joined the Ball State football team as a walk-on his freshman year of 2004 and earned a scholarship for the 2005 season. He averaged 42.9 yards on 68 punts, with a long of 60 yards, and placed 20 of his punts inside the opposing 20-yard line. He landed on the FWAA Freshman All-America team and was first-team All-MAC.

PR JOE BURNETT, UCF
5'11", 180, SOPHOMORE

Burnett is Conference USA's top player at both cornerback and punt returner. As a freshman last year, he was first-team all-conference in addition to making C-USA's All-Freshman team. On defense, he intercepted five passes and broke up nine others. He averaged 16.5 yards on 28 punt returns and ran two back for touchdowns, including a 68 yarder in the C-USA title game against Tulsa.

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SECOND TEAM

QUARTERBACK					
	Troy Smith	6'1"	215	Sr.	Ohio State
RUNNING BACKS					
	Kenny Irons	5'11"	200	Sr.	Auburn
	Marshawn Lynch	5'11"	223	Jr.	California
WIDE RECEIVERS					
	Calvin Johnson	6'4"	235	Jr.	Georgia Tech
	Sidney Rice	6'3"	200	So.	South Carolina
TIGHT END					
	Zach Miller	6'5"	258	Jr.	Arizona State

THIRD TEAM

QUARTERBACK					
	Brian Brohm	6'4"	224	Jr.	Louisville
RUNNING BACKS					
	Darren McFadden	6'2"	210	So.	Arkansas
	Steve Slaton	5'10"	190	So.	West Virginia
WIDE RECEIVERS					
	Todd Blythe	6'5"	210	Jr.	Iowa State
	Jason Hill	6'1"	210	Sr.	Washington St.
TIGHT END					
	Greg Olsen	6'5"	252	Jr.	Miami

Adam Carriker, Vince Hall, Marquies Gunn and Tommy Blake

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN					
	Ryan Kalil (Center)	6'3"	285	Sr.	USC
	Ryan Harris	6'5"	298	Sr.	Notre Dame
	Samson Satele	6'3"	311	Sr.	Hawaii
	Joe Thomas	6'8"	306	Sr.	Wisconsin
	Robert Turner	6'4"	328	Sr.	New Mexico
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN					
	Victor Abiamiri	6'4"	260	Sr.	Notre Dame
	Adam Carriker	6'6"	280	Sr.	Nebraska
	Justin Harrell	6'4"	300	Sr.	Tennessee
	Quentin Moses	6'5"	250	Sr.	Georgia
LINEBACKERS					
	H.B. Blades	6'0"	240	Sr.	Pittsburgh
	Vince Hall	6'0"	236	Jr.	Virginia Tech
	Sam Olajubutu	5'9"	229	Sr.	Arkansas
CORNERBACKS					
	Joe Burnett	5'11"	180	So.	UCF
	Daymeion Hughes	6'2"	188	Sr.	California
SAFETIES					
	Kenny Phillips	6'2"	200	So.	Miami
	Tom Zbikowski	6'0"	208	Sr.	Notre Dame
SPECIALISTS					
K	Alexis Serna	5'8"	157	Jr.	Oregon State
P	Kody Bliss	5'10"	177	Sr.	Auburn
KR	Felix Jones	6'0"	202	So.	Arkansas
PR	Quinton Jones	5'9"	177	Sr.	Boise State

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN					
	Kyle Young (Center)	6'5"	330	Sr.	Fresno State
	Tim Duckworth	6'4"	310	Sr.	Auburn
	Doug Free	6'7"	302	Sr.	Northern Illinois
	John Greco	6'5"	318	Jr.	Toledo
	Herbert Taylor	6'4"	287	Sr.	TCU
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN					
	Tommy Blake	6'3"	250	Jr.	TCU
	Marquies Gunn	6'4"	254	Sr.	Auburn
	Kenny Iwebema	6'4"	270	Jr.	Iowa
	Quinn Pitcock	6'3"	295	Sr.	Ohio State
LINEBACKERS					
	Rob Caldwell	6'0"	222	Sr.	Navy
	Buster Davis	5'11"	240	Sr.	Florida State
	Kevin McLee	6'1"	255	Sr.	West Virginia
CORNERBACKS					
	Leon Hall	5'11"	193	Sr.	Michigan
	Reggie Smith	6'1"	190	So.	Oklahoma
SAFETIES					
	Bobby Blackshire	6'3"	205	Sr.	Tulsa
	J.D. Nelson	5'11"	219	Sr.	Oregon
SPECIALISTS					
K	Brandon Coutu	6'0"	185	Jr.	Georgia
P	Jim Kaylor	6'3"	198	Jr.	Colorado State
KR	Jonathan Stewart	5'11"	234	So.	Oregon
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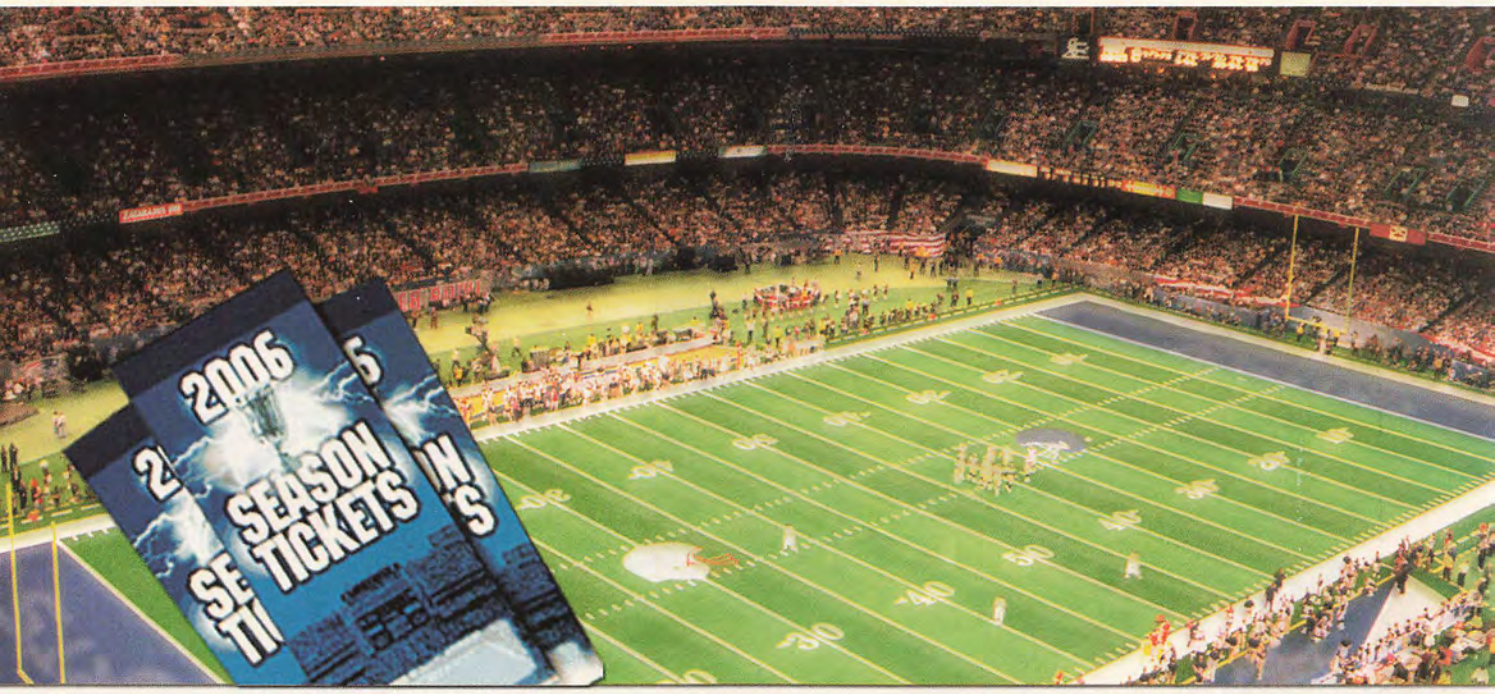

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	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BOSTON COLLEGE	4	2	9	8	7	8	3
CLEMSON	6	1	1	1	3	1	10
DUKE	10	12	12	12	11	12	11
FLORIDA STATE	1	6	2	4	5	6	6
GEORGIA TECH	3	8	3	2	1	5	12
MARYLAND	5	5	11	3	6	7	9
MIAMI	2	3	6	7	2	4	2
NC STATE	9	4	8	11	10	11	4
NORTH CAROLINA	7	9	7	9	9	9	7
VIRGINIA	11	11	5	10	8	10	8
VIRGINIA TECH	8	10	4	5	4	2	1
WAKE FOREST	12	7	10	6	12	3	5

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BAYLOR	9	12	9	11	12	11	11
COLORADO	12	6	12	2	10	6	3
IOWA STATE	1	9	2	5	6	7	8
KANSAS	11	5	10	3	4	10	6
KANSAS STATE	3	8	7	8	11	5	9
MISSOURI	8	7	5	4	2	4	5
NEBRASKA	4	10	4	12	5	2	4
OKLAHOMA	2	1	6	6	1	1	2
OKLAHOMA STATE	10	4	8	10	8	12	12
TEXAS	7	2	3	1	3	3	1
TEXAS A&M	6	3	11	9	7	9	10
TEXAS TECH	5	11	1	7	9	8	7

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
CINCINNATI	5	5	4	6	5	4	1
CONNECTICUT	6	4	6	7	3	7	2
LOUISVILLE	1	1	1	2	2	5	3
PITTSBURGH	3	6	5	4	4	3	5
RUTGERS	4	2	2	3	6	6	6
SOUTH FLORIDA	8	7	8	5	7	2	4
SYRACUSE	7	8	7	8	8	8	7
WEST VIRGINIA	2	3	3	1	1	1	8

Clemson: Chris Covatta; Texas Tech: Layne Murdoch

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ILLINOIS	10	6	10	5	11	10	8
INDIANA	7	11	6	11	10	11	10
IOWA	3	2	8	1	1	8	5
MICHIGAN	4	3	1	3	4	2	1
MICHIGAN STATE	2	7	7	10	8	6	7
MINNESOTA	6	9	4	8	7	4	6
NORTHWESTERN	11	4	9	9	9	9	9
OHIO STATE	1	1	2	2	3	3	3
PENN STATE	8	5	3	7	5	1	4
PURDUE	9	10	5	4	6	7	11
WISCONSIN	5	8	11	6	2	5	2

CONFERENCE USA

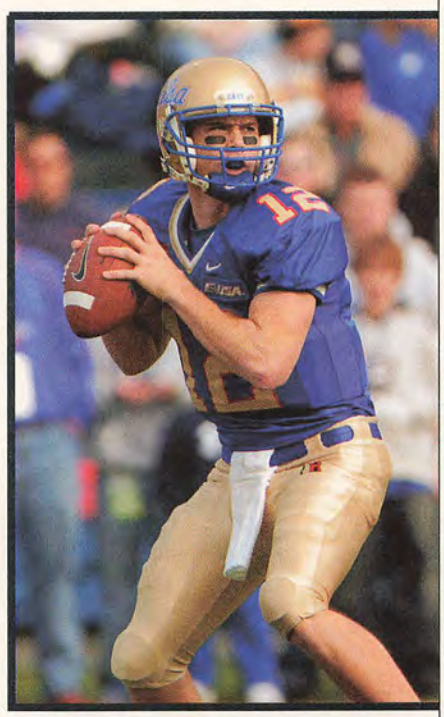
	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
EAST CAROLINA	5	4	1	10	5	11	5
HOUSTON	3	12	2	2	11	5	3
MARSHALL	8	2	6	5	2	3	9
MEMPHIS	7	10	4	6	8	7	6
RICE	12	11	11	12	12	10	11
SMU	10	5	8	9	3	9	12
SOUTHERN MISS	9	6	3	7	7	8	7
TULANE	6	9	9	11	10	12	10
TULSA	1	8	10	3	9	1	1
UAB	11	3	12	4	4	4	8
UCF	4	1	7	1	6	6	2
UTEP	2	7	5	8	1	2	4

MID-AMERICA CONFERENCE

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
AKRON	1	5	6	8	3	5	9
BALL STATE	2	7	5	10	11	8	12
BOWLING GREEN	6	10	8	5	10	9	5
BUFFALO	12	11	12	11	12	11	10
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7	6	3	4	1	7	11
EASTERN MICHIGAN	11	8	4	7	5	10	7
KENT STATE	10	12	11	12	6	12	4
MIAMI	5	4	1	2	4	3	2
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	3	2	7	6	7	6	1
OHIO	8	3	10	3	9	1	8
TOLEDO	9	1	2	1	2	4	3
WESTERN MICHIGAN	4	9	9	9	8	2	6

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
AIR FORCE	6	5	9	7	9	9	9
BYU	2	2	1	3	5	2	6
COLORADO STATE	8	4	2	6	3	8	4
NEW MEXICO	5	9	6	1	6	6	8
SAN DIEGO STATE	4	3	5	9	4	4	2
TCU	3	1	4	4	1	1	3
UNLV	7	6	7	8	7	5	5
UTAH	1	8	3	2	2	3	1
WYOMING	9	7	8	5	8	7	7



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ARIZONA STATE	1	4	9	4	7	9	7
CALIFORNIA	5	1	4	8	1	2	2
OREGON	9	2	10	2	5	6	6
OREGON STATE	10	3	5	3	9	10	4
STANFORD	3	9	7	9	8	4	8
UCLA	8	7	6	6	2	5	5
USC	2	5	1	1	3	1	3
WASHINGTON	7	6	8	10	10	8	10
WASHINGTON STATE	4	8	3	5	4	3	9

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

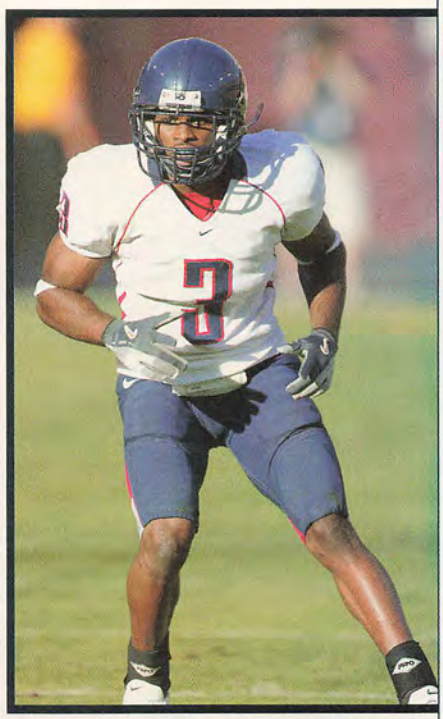
	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ALABAMA	10	4	3	3	7	8	6
ARKANSAS	6	2	7	1	2	5	4
AUBURN	3	3	9	2	5	3	3
FLORIDA	1	8	2	8	1	2	5
GEORGIA	7	1	8	4	6	1	7
KENTUCKY	9	7	10	10	11	11	10
LSU	2	9	1	5	4	7	1
MISSISSIPPI STATE	11	12	11	11	8	6	8
OLE MISS	8	6	12	12	12	4	12
SOUTH CAROLINA	4	10	4	9	9	12	9
TENNESSEE	5	5	6	7	3	9	2
VANDERBILT	12	11	5	6	10	10	11

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ARKANSAS STATE	7	6	4	3	8	1	2
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	5	4	6	7	3	6	8
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	2	5	1	8	1	2	5
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	3	3	5	4	5	5	4
NORTH TEXAS	8	2	2	5	2	4	7
TROY	4	8	3	6	7	8	3
UL LAFAYETTE	1	1	8	2	6	7	6
UL MONROE	6	7	7	1	4	3	1

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BOISE STATE	3	2	3	2	1	1	3
FRESNO STATE	7	5	4	1	2	2	1
HAWAII	2	9	2	3	3	7	5
IDAHO	6	3	7	5	5	4	4
LOUISIANA TECH	8	7	8	7	8	6	8
NEVADA	1	4	1	4	4	3	2
NEW MEXICO STATE	5	6	6	8	9	9	6
SAN JOSE STATE	9	1	9	6	7	8	9
UTAH STATE	4	8	5	9	6	5	7



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ACC Rankings

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3. CLEMSON
4. NORTH CAROLINA
5. MARYLAND
6. VIRGINIA TECH
7. DUKE
8. NC STATE
9. BOSTON COLLEGE
10. GEORGIA TECH
11. VIRGINIA
12. WAKE FOREST

1.	Myron Rolle	S	6'2"	214	Princeton, NJ	Florida State
2.	C.J. Spiller	RB	5'11"	190	Lake Butler, FL	Clemson
3.	LeSean McCoy	RB	5'11"	200	Harrisburg, PA	Miami
4.	Ricky Sapp	DE	6'5"	225	Bamberg, SC	Clemson
5.	D'Vontrey Richardson	QB	6'1"	205	Leesburg, GA	Florida State
6.	Ryan Hill	CB	5'11"	186	Tallahassee, FL	Miami
7.	Marcus Ball	LB	6'0"	205	Stone Mountain, GA	Florida State
8.	Jarrell Miller	LB	6'3"	235	Highland Springs, VA	North Carolina
9.	Ian Symonette	OL	6'9"	338	Nassau, Bahamas	Miami
10.	Kylan Robinson	RB	6'1"	215	Tampa, FL	Miami
11.	Jason Adjepong	DE	6'3"	248	Rahway, NJ	Virginia Tech
12.	Brandon Warren	TE	6'2"	230	Alcoa, TN	Florida State
13.	Sam Shields	WR	6'0"	175	Sarasota, FL	Miami
14.	Bruce Campbell	OL	6'7"	285	Hamden, CT	Maryland
15.	Caz Piurowski	TE	6'7"	234	Land O'Lakes, FL	Florida State
16.	Javarris James	RB	6'0"	201	Immokalee, FL	Miami
17.	Aaron Brown	OL	6'6"	290	Cincinnati, OH	Virginia Tech
18.	Marcus Sims	RB	6'0"	211	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
19.	Brandon King	FB	6'2"	240	Doylestown, PA	Duke
20.	Jamie Cumbie	DE	6'7"	255	Morris, IL	Clemson

Big East Rankings

1. PITTSBURGH
2. LOUISVILLE
3. SYRACUSE
4. SOUTH FLORIDA
5. WEST VIRGINIA
6. RUTGERS
7. UCONN
8. CINCINNATI

1.	Nate Byham	TE	6'3"	215	Polk, PA	Pittsburgh
2.	Dorin Dickerson	WR	6'2"	200	Oakdale, PA	Pittsburgh
3.	Deantwan Whitehead	DE	6'6"	245	Birmingham, AL	Louisville
4.	Elijah Fields	WR	6'2"	210	Duquesne, PA	Pittsburgh
5.	Joe Thomas	OL	6'5"	285	Parma, OH	Pittsburgh
6.	Kevin Collier	RB	5'11"	180	Rochester, NY	Pittsburgh
7.	Josh Chichester	WR	6'8"	210	West Chester, OH	Louisville
8.	John Malecki	DT	6'3"	270	Murrysville, PA	Pittsburgh
9.	Jason Pinkston	DT	6'4"	280	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
10.	Andrey Baskin	WR	6'3"	203	Camden, NJ	Syracuse
11.	Zach Meagher	TE	6'4"	248	Cincinnati, OH	Louisville
12.	Jeff Otah	OL	6'6"	340	New Castle, DE	Pittsburgh
13.	Delone Carter	RB	5'10"	220	Copley, OH	Syracuse
14.	Leslie Stirrups	DT	6'2"	280	Tampa, FL	South Florida
15.	L.T. Walker	DT	6'4"	320	Wynne, AR	Louisville
16.	Latarrius Thomas	WR	6'2"	205	New Smyrna Beach, FL	Louisville
17.	Jovani Chappel	CB	5'8"	175	Trotwood, OH	Pittsburgh
18.	Ricky Gary	CB	5'9"	175	Pahokee, FL	Pittsburgh
19.	Alwan Lee	QB	6'1"	190	Miami, FL	South Florida
20.	Brandon Heath	S	6'1"	195	Miami, FL	Louisville

Big Ten Rankings

1. PENN STATE
2. MICHIGAN
3. OHIO STATE
4. ILLINOIS
5. WISCONSIN
6. IOWA
7. MICHIGAN STATE
8. PURDUE
9. MINNESOTA
10. NORTHWESTERN
11. INDIANA

1.	Chris Wells	RB	6'1"	225	Akron, OH	Ohio State
2.	Brandon Graham	LB	6'2"	240	Detroit, MI	Michigan
3.	Steve Schilling	OL	6'5"	285	Bellevue, WA	Michigan
4.	Connor Smith	OL	6'5"	295	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State
5.	Antonio Logan-El	OL	6'6"	310	Forestville, MD	Penn State
6.	Justin Boren	OL	6'4"	305	Pickerington, OH	Michigan
7.	Chris Bell	WR	6'3"	205	Norfolk, VA	Penn State
8.	Jonas Mouton	S	6'2"	212	Los Angeles, CA	Michigan
9.	Robert Rose	DE	6'5"	260	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
10.	Pat Devlin	QB	6'4"	200	Downington, PA	Penn State
11.	Jared Odrick	DT	6'6"	285	Lebanon, PA	Penn State
12.	Thaddeus Gibson	LB	6'3"	220	Euclid, OH	Ohio State
13.	Maurice Evans	DE	6'3"	252	Middle Village, NY	Penn State
14.	Isiah Williams	QB	6'2"	207	Chicago, IL	Illinois
15.	Mark Johnson	LB	6'4"	230	Los Angeles, CA	Ohio State
16.	A.J. Wallace	CB	6'1"	195	Pomfret, MD	Penn State
17.	Stevie Brown	CB	6'0"	195	Columbus, IN	Michigan
18.	Ray Small	WR	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
19.	Lance Kendricks	WR	6'4"	210	Milwaukee, WI	Wisconsin
20.	Antonio Henton	QB	6'2"	210	Fort Valley, GA	Ohio State

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Top 50 Recruiting Classes

1. USC
2. Florida
3. Texas
4. Georgia
5. Notre Dame
6. Penn State
7. LSU
8. Oklahoma
9. Auburn
10. Michigan
11. Pittsburgh
12. Florida State
13. Ohio State
14. Miami
15. Ole Miss
16. Oklahoma State
17. Texas Tech
18. Alabama
19. Arizona
20. UCLA
21. Texas A&M
22. Clemson
23. California
24. Tennessee
25. North Carolina
26. Louisville
27. Maryland
28. Illinois
29. Nebraska
30. Arkansas
31. Virginia Tech
32. Arizona State
33. South Carolina
34. Kentucky
35. Washington
36. Duke
37. Wisconsin
38. Stanford
39. Mississippi State
40. Iowa
41. Oregon State
42. NC State
43. Michigan State
44. Boston College
45. Washington State
46. BYU
47. Kansas
48. Kansas State
49. Georgia Tech
50. Colorado

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Big 12 Rankings

1. TEXAS	5. TEXAS A&M	9. COLORADO
2. OKLAHOMA	6. NEBRASKA	10. BAYLOR
3. OKLAHOMA STATE	7. KANSAS	11. MISSOURI
4. TEXAS TECH	8. KANSAS STATE	12. IOWA STATE

1. Gerald McCoy	DT	6'4"	305	Oklahoma City, OK	Oklahoma
2. Sergio Kindle	LB	6'4"	225	Dallas, TX	Texas
3. Michael Goodson	RB	6'0"	205	Klein, TX	Texas A&M
4. Eddie Jones	DE	6'3"	240	Kilgore, TX	Texas
5. Deon Beasley	DB	5'10"	168	Orange, TX	Texas
6. J'Marcus Webb	OL	6'8"	280	Mesquite, TX	Texas
7. Jevan Snead	QB	6'3"	215	Stephenville, TX	Texas
8. Jermaine Gresham	TE	6'7"	230	Ardmore, OK	Oklahoma
9. Perrish Cox	CB	6'1"	180	Waco, TX	Oklahoma State
10. Dustin Earnest	LB	6'3"	217	Texarkana, TX	Texas
11. Alex Cate	QB	6'2"	198	Salt Lake City, UT	Oklahoma State
12. Adron Tennell	WR	6'5"	195	Irving, TX	Oklahoma
13. Lamarr Houston	DE	6'2"	257	Colorado Springs, CO	Texas
14. Cody Williams	DE	6'4"	235	Longview, TX	Texas A&M
15. Derek Burton	DE	6'5"	255	Muskogee, OK	Oklahoma State
16. Sherrod Harris	QB	6'3"	212	Arlington, TX	Texas
17. Mossis Madu	RB	6'1"	190	Norman, OK	Oklahoma
18. Philip Payne	WR	6'2"	205	Garland, TX	Texas
19. Dominque Franks	CB	6'0"	178	Tulsa, OK	Oklahoma
20. Jerrod Johnson	QB	6'6"	225	Humble, TX	Texas A&M

Conference USA Rankings

1. EAST CAROLINA	5. MARSHALL	9. SOUTHERN MISS
2. MEMPHIS	6. TULANE	10. SMU
3. UAB	7. TULSA	11. RICE
4. HOUSTON	8. UCF	12. UTEP

1. Jared White	WR	6'0"	185	Mobile, AL	UAB
2. Dwayne Harris	QB	6'0"	190	Stone Mountain, GA	East Carolina
3. Phillip Smith	RB	6'1"	190	Mansfield, TX	UCF
4. Clark Harrell	QB	6'2"	190	Ennis, TX	Tulsa
5. L.J. Castille	QB	6'3"	200	LaMarque, TX	Houston
6. Duke Calhoun	WR	6'4"	185	Memphis, TN	Memphis
7. Melvin Patterson	WR	6'3"	205	Alachua, FL	East Carolina
8. Phillip Burley	WR	6'5"	210	Rosser, TX	SMU
9. Courtney Smith	WR	6'4"	205	Prattville, AL	UAB
10. Corderick Govan	LB	6'2"	200	Cascilla, MS	Memphis
11. Ashton Hall	CB	5'10"	183	Kingsland, GA	Marshall
12. Kevin Moore	QB	6'5"	215	Highland Village, TX	Tulane
13. Torell Johnson	DT	6'3"	345	Conyers, GA	UCF
14. Max Anyiam	S	6'1"	195	Garland, TX	Rice
15. Robert Williams	DL	6'3"	195	Denver, CO	UTEP
16. J.D. Douglas	DB	6'2"	200	Prattville, AL	UAB
17. Norman Whitley	RB	5'9"	180	Hamlet, NC	East Carolina
18. Winston Bowens	LB	6'0"	250	College Park, GA	Memphis
19. Pierre Beasley	QB	6'4"	212	Houston, TX	Rice
20. Roshaad Byrd	DL	6'3"	210	Meridian, MS	Southern Miss

MAC Rankings

1. MIAMI	5. BOWLING GREEN	9. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
2. AKRON	6. WESTERN MICHIGAN	10. EASTERN MICHIGAN
3. TOLEDO	7. OHIO	11. KENT STATE
4. BALL STATE	8. NORTHERN ILLINOIS	12. BUFFALO

1. Nate Davis	QB	6'2"	225	Bellaire, OH	Ball State
2. Mark Jackson	OL	6'6"	295	Columbus, OH	Akron
3. Barry Church	DB	6'2"	215	Pittsburgh, PA	Toledo
4. Andre Boone	RB	5'10"	190	Virginia Beach, VA	Akron
5. Jordan Stevens	DE	6'4"	245	Monroeville, PA	Miami
6. Terrence McCrae	WR	6'4"	205	Vanderbilt, PA	Ohio
7. P.J. Mahone	DB	5'11"	201	Elyria, OH	Bowling Green
8. Jan Gewont	OL	6'6"	305	Palos Heights, IL	Toledo
9. Aaris Reed	RB	5'7"	174	Waldorf, MD	Akron
10. David Harvey	WR	5'11"	160	Pittsburgh, PA	Akron
11. Quinton Rainey	LB/RB	5'10"	230	Virginia Beach, VA	Kent State
12. Jared Dewalt	OL	6'4"	295	Lyndhurst, OH	Toledo
13. Peris Edwards	DB	6'1"	175	Toledo, OH	Miami
14. Brandon Jackson	LB	6'2"	220	Memphis, TN	Bowling Green
15. Jerome Jones	TE	6'7"	220	Youngstown, OH	Toledo
16. Horace Hubbard	DL	6'4"	240	Gretna, VA	Ohio
17. Jaymeson Moody	DE	6'2"	226	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Western Michigan
18. Andre Hatchett	LB	5'11"	190	Indianapolis, IN	Eastern Michigan
19. Martin Channels	DL	6'0"	320	Xenia, OH	Miami
20. D.J. Young	DL	6'5"	278	Lansing, MI	Bowling Green

Mountain West Rankings

1. BYU	4. COLORADO STATE	7. WYOMING
2. UTAH	5. SAN DIEGO STATE	8. NEW MEXICO
3. TCU	6. UNLV	9. AIR FORCE

1. James Lark	QB	6'3"	205	St. George, UT	BYU
2. Matangi Tonga	DE	6'2"	270	San Mateo, CA	BYU
3. Joe Faifili	DT	6'2"	296	Laie, HI	Utah
4. Wayne Daniels	DE	6'2"	230	Kilgore, TX	TCU
5. Walter Watts	OL	6'3"	315	Los Banos, CA	Utah
6. McKay Jacobson	WR	6'0"	185	Southlake, TX	BYU
7. Whitley Fehoko	OL	6'0"	320	Honolulu, HI	San Diego State
8. Ryan Griffith	OL	6'4"	250	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Colo. State
9. Tim High	DT	6'2"	300	Harbor City, CA	UNLV
10. Bubba Tuinei	DE	6'5"	230	Salt Lake City, UT	Utah
11. Brandon Sullivan	RB	5'11"	210	Poway, CA	San Diego State
12. Pauli Latu	DT	6'1"	285	West Valley City, UT	Utah
13. Ryan Freeman	OL	6'4"	275	Orem, UT	BYU
14. Neli A'asa	DT	6'2"	294	Big Rapids, MI	Utah
15. Davon Brown	RB	5'9"	170	Torrance, CA	San Diego State
16. Rhen Brown	WR	5'11"	175	Highland, UT	BYU
17. Clint Renfro	WR	6'0"	160	Southlake, TX	TCU
18. Mookie Murphy	CB	5'10"	175	Salt Lake City, UT	Utah
19. Andy Dalton	QB	6'2"	185	Katy, TX	TCU
20. Mike Hague	RB	6'0"	210	Salt Lake City, UT	BYU

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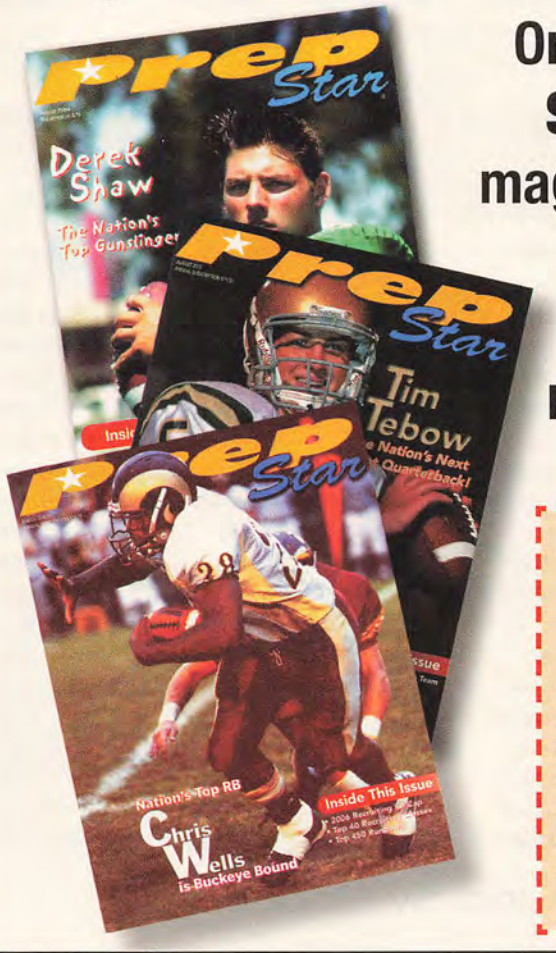

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Pac-10 Rankings

1. USC	5. ARIZONA STATE	9. WASHINGTON STATE
2. ARIZONA	6. WASHINGTON	10. OREGON
3. UCLA	7. STANFORD	
4. CALIFORNIA	8. OREGON STATE	

1. Vidal Hazelton	WR	6'3"	200	Staten Island, NY	USC
2. Stafon Johnson	RB	6'1"	210	Bellflower, CA	USC
3. Taylor Mays	S	6'4"	225	Seattle, WA	USC
4. C.J. Gable	S	6'1"	190	Sylmar, CA	USC
5. Allen Bradford	LB	6'0"	230	San Bernardino, CA	USC
6. Josh Tatum	LB	6'1"	225	San Pablo, CA	USC
7. Antwine Perez	S	6'2"	205	Westville Grove, NJ	USC
8. David Ausberry	WR	6'5"	215	Lemoore, CA	USC
9. Butch Lewis	DL	6'7"	300	Denver, CO	USC
10. Derrick Hill	DT	6'2"	280	Oakland, CA	California
11. Devin Ross	CB	5'11"	180	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Arizona
12. Emmanuel Moody	RB	6'1"	195	Coppell, TX	USC
13. Darian Hagan	CB	5'11"	180	Los Angeles, CA	California
14. Terrence Austin	WR	5'11"	175	Long Beach, CA	UCLA
15. Jake Locker	QB	6'2"	210	Ferndale, WA	Washington
16. Cameron Elisara	DT	6'3"	275	Spokane, WA	Washington
17. Shareece Wright	CB	6'1"	185	Colton, CA	USC
18. Jamere Holland	WR	6'1"	180	Pacoima, CA	USC
19. Derek Simmons	DT	6'4"	275	Suisun, CA	USC
20. Stanley Havili	RB	6'1"	220	Salt Lake City, UT	USC

SEC Rankings

1. FLORIDA	5. OLE MISS	9. SOUTH CAROLINA
2. GEORGIA	6. ALABAMA	10. KENTUCKY
3. LSU	7. TENNESSEE	11. MISSISSIPPI STATE
4. AUBURN	8. ARKANSAS	12. VANDERBILT

1. Andre Smith	OL	6'5"	315	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
2. Percy Harvin	WR	5'11"	182	Virginia Beach, VA	Florida
3. Micah Johnson	LB	6'2"	255	Fort Campbell, KY	Kentucky
4. Mitch Mustain	QB	6'3"	205	Springdale, AR	Arkansas
5. Matthew Stafford	QB	6'3"	210	Dallas, TX	Georgia
6. Al Woods	DT	6'5"	325	Elton, LA	LSU
7. Keiland Williams	RB	5'11"	223	Lafayette, LA	LSU
8. Jai Eugene	CB	6'0"	175	Destrehan, LA	LSU
9. Jamar Hornsby	WR	6'4"	195	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
10. Jarred Fayson	WR	6'0"	195	Tampa, FL	Florida
11. Tim Tebow	QB	6'3"	225	St. Augustine, FL	Florida
12. Akeem Hebron	LB	6'1"	195	Gaithersburg, MD	Georgia
13. Brandon Spikes	LB	6'4"	230	Shelby, NC	Florida
14. Carl Johnson	OL	6'6"	335	Durham, NC	Florida
15. Bart Eddins	DT	6'4"	260	Montgomery, AL	Auburn
16. Clifton Geathers	OL	6'7"	280	Georgetown, SC	Georgia
17. Brandon Wood	DE	6'1"	254	Buchanan, GA	Georgia
18. Charles Scott	RB	6'0"	223	Saline, LA	LSU
19. NaDerris Ward	TE	6'5"	247	Oakland, CA	Georgia
20. Knowshon Moreno	RB	5'11"	205	Belford, NJ	Georgia

Sun Belt Rankings

1. TROY	3. UL MONROE	7. FLORIDA ATLANTIC
2. UL LAFAYETTE	3. NORTH TEXAS	8. ARKANSAS STATE
3. FIU	6. MIDDLE TENNESSEE	

1. Danny Carmichael	LB	6'1"	235	Woodstock, GA	Middle Tenn.
2. Javon Hill	OL	6'4"	330	Opa Locka, Florida	FIU
3. Ryan Wischnefski,	OL	6'3"	320	Melbourne FL	Florida Atlantic
4. Tyler Albrecht	K	6'0"	170	Lafayette, LA	UL Lafayette
5. Justin Bray	CB	5'10"	175	Columbus, GA	Troy
6. Markee Drummer	DE	6'4"	220	W. Palm Beach, FL	Florida Atlantic
7. Chance Attaway	RB	5'10"	198	Blountstown, FL	FIU
8. Alvin Ingle	TE	6'2"	230	Hendersonville, TN	Middle Tenn.
9. Matt Desormeaux	RB	6'1"	210	New Iberia, LA	UL Lafayette
10. Devon Freeman	RB	5'11"	197	Niceville, FL	FIU
11. Desmond Gee	RB	5'8"	170	Madison, FL	Middle Tenn.
12. Ian Burks	OL	6'3"	260	Denham Springs, LA	UL Lafayette
13. Preston Fuller	QB	6'0"	180	Irving, TX	UL Monroe
14. Andre Wicker	DE	6'2"	232	Atlanta, GA	Middle Tenn.
15. Gary Tucke	DE	6'2"	245	Maryville, TN	Middle Tenn.
16. Louis Lee	WR	5'10"	166	Reserve, LA	UL Lafayette
17. Phillip Tanner	RB	5'10"	165	Dallas, TX	Middle Tenn.
18. Cornelius Williams	WR	6'1"	180	Hoover, AL	Troy
19. Adam Wade	LB/S	5'10"	210	Florence, SC	Middle Tenn.
20. Cam Robinson	LB	6'1"	220	Stevenson, AL	Middle Tenn.

WAC Rankings

1. IDAHO	4. SAN JOSE STATE	7. HAWAII
2. BOISE STATE	5. FRESNO STATE	8. UTAH STATE
3. NEVADA	6. LOUISIANA TECH	9. NEW MEXICO STATE

1. John Romero	DL	6'4"	295	Tucson, AZ	Nevada
2. Andre Harris	RB	6'0"	217	Woodland Hills, CA	Idaho
3. Kapono Rawlins-Crivello	DE	6'1"	240	Molokai, HI	Boise State
4. Xavier Lucas	WR	6'4"	200	Phoenix, AZ	Boise State
5. Cudahy Harmon	OL	6'8"	315	Tyler, TX	Louisiana Tech
6. Dominique Hunsucker	RB	5'10"	190	San Jose, CA	San Jose State
7. Lonyae Miller	RB	5'11"	210	Fontana, CA	Fresno State
8. Andrew Jackson	DE	6'5"	250	Grass Valley, CA	Fresno State
9. Chris Wellington	WR	6'1"	185	Woodland Hills, CA	Nevada
10. Mike Coughlin	QB	6'5"	215	San Diego, CA	Boise State
11. William Griffin	RB	5'11"	200	Patterson, LA	Louisiana Tech
12. Colin Kaepernick	QB	6'5"	190	Turlock, CA	Nevada
13. Keith McGowen	CB	5'10"	165	Lynwood, CA	Boise State
14. Shiloh Keo	CB	5'10"	175	Everett, WA	Idaho
15. Daniel Porter	RB	5'11"	190	Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana Tech
16. Paul Senescall	LB	6'1"	215	Spokane, WA	Idaho
17. Mitch Farney	WR	6'0"	185	Phoenix, AZ	Hawaii
18. Dontay Moch	DB	6'1"	220	Chandler, AZ	Nevada
19. Ryan Coulson	LB	6'3"	225	Elk Grove, CA	Nevada
20. Dante Perez	QB	5'10"	175	San Jose, CA	San Jose State

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Top 100 Incoming Freshmen

	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1.	Chris Wells	RB	6'1"	225	Akron, OH	Ohio State
2.	Andre Smith	OL	6'5"	315	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
3.	Sam Young	OL	6'7"	292	Coral Springs, FL	Notre Dame
4.	Gerald McCoy	DT	6'4"	305	Oklahoma City, OK	Oklahoma
5.	Vidal Hazelton	WR	6'3"	200	Staten Island, NY	USC
6.	Sergio Kindle	LB	6'4"	225	Dallas, TX	Texas
7.	Myron Rolle	S	6'2"	214	Princeton, NJ	Florida State
8.	Percy Harvin	WR	5'11"	182	Virginia Beach, VA	Florida
9.	Micah Johnson	LB	6'2"	255	Fort Campbell, KY	Kentucky
10.	Mitch Mustain	QB	6'3"	205	Springdale, AR	Arkansas
11.	Matthew Stafford	QB	6'3"	210	Dallas, TX	Georgia
12.	Al Woods	DT	6'5"	325	Elton, LA	LSU
13.	Stafon Johnson	RB	6'1"	210	Bellflower, CA	USC
14.	Brandon Graham	LB	6'2"	240	Detroit, MI	Michigan
15.	Keiland Williams	RB	5'11"	223	Lafayette, LA	LSU
16.	C.J. Spiller	RB	5'11"	190	Lake Butler, FL	Clemson
17.	Jai Eugene	CB	6'0"	175	Destrehan, LA	LSU
18.	Michael Goodson	RB	6'0"	205	Klein, TX	Texas A&M
19.	Steve Schilling	OL	6'5"	285	Bellevue, WA	Michigan
20.	Eddie Jones	DE	6'3"	240	Kilgore, TX	Texas
21.	Taylor Mays	S	6'4"	225	Seattle, WA	USC
22.	LeSean McCoy*	RB	5'11"	200	Harrisburg, PA	Miami
23.	Deon Beasley	CB	5'10"	168	Orange, TX	Texas
24.	Jamar Hornsby	WR	6'4"	195	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
25.	Nate Byham	TE	6'3"	215	Polk, PA	Pittsburgh
26.	C.J. Gable	S	6'1"	190	Sylmar, CA	USC
27.	Jarred Fayson	QB	6'0"	195	Tampa, FL	Florida
28.	Allen Bradford	LB	6'0"	230	San Bernardino, CA	USC
29.	Tim Tebow	QB	6'3"	225	St. Augustine, FL	Florida
30.	Connor Smith	OL	6'5"	295	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State
31.	Ricky Sapp	DE	6'5"	225	Bamberg, SC	Clemson
32.	Akeem Hebron	LB	6'1"	195	Gaithersburg, MD	Georgia
33.	Brandon Spikes	LB	6'4"	230	Shelby, NC	Florida
34.	James Aldridge	RB	6'1"	215	Crown Point, IN	Notre Dame
35.	Antonio Logan-El	OL	6'6"	310	Forestville, MD	Penn State
36.	Dorin Dickerson	WR	6'2"	200	Oakdale, PA	Pittsburgh
37.	DeMarco Murray	RB	6'0"	185	Las Vegas, NV	Oklahoma
38.	Deantwan Whitehead	DE	6'6"	245	Birmingham, AL	Louisville
39.	Carl Johnson	OL	6'6"	335	Durham, NC	Florida
40.	Konrad Reuland	TE	6'6"	240	San Capistrano, CA	Notre Dame
41.	Josh Tatum	LB	6'1"	225	San Pablo, CA	USC
42.	Justin Boren	OL	6'4"	305	Pickerington, OH	Michigan
43.	Antwine Perez	S	6'2"	205	Westville Grove, NJ	USC
44.	J'Marcus Webb	OL	6'8"	280	Mesquite, TX	Texas
45.	Chris Bell	WR	6'3"	205	Norfolk, VA	Penn State
46.	David Ausberry	WR	6'5"	215	Lemoore, CA	USC
47.	Bart Eddins	DT	6'4"	260	Montgomery, AL	Auburn
48.	Jonas Mouton	S	6'2"	212	Los Angeles, CA	Michigan
49.	Clifton Geathers*	OL	6'7"	280	Georgetown, SC	Georgia
50.	Brandon Wood	DE	6'1"	255	Buchanan, GA	Georgia
51.	Charles Scott	RB	5'11"	223	Saline, LA	LSU
52.	Robert Rose	DE	6'5"	260	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
53.	Pat Devlin	QB	6'4"	200	Downington, PA	Penn State
54.	Jared Odrick	DT	6'6"	285	Lebanon, PA	Penn State
55.	NaDerris Ward	TE	6'5"	245	Oakland, CA	Georgia
56.	Matt Carufel	OL	6'5"	288	Forest Lake, MN	Notre Dame
57.	Elijah Fields	WR	6'2"	210	Duquesne, PA	Pittsburgh
58.	Thaddeus Gibson	LB	6'3"	220	Euclid, OH	Ohio State
59.	Knowshon Moreno	RB	5'11"	205	Belford, NJ	Georgia
60.	Butch Lewis	DL	6'7"	300	Denver, CO	USC
61.	D'Vontrey Richardson	QB	6'1"	205	Leesburg, GA	Florida State
62.	Maurice Evans	DE	6'3"	252	Middle Village, NY	Penn State
63.	Derrick Hill	DT	6'2"	280	Oakland, CA	California
64.	Ryan Hill	CB	5'11"	186	Tallahassee, FL	Miami
65.	Isiah Williams	QB	6'2"	207	Chicago, IL	Illinois
66.	Joe Thomas	OL	6'5"	285	Parma, OH	Pittsburgh
67.	Marcus Ball	LB	6'0"	205	Stone Mountain, GA	Florida State
68.	Jevan Snead	QB	6'3"	215	Stephenville, TX	Texas
69.	Jacques McClendon	OL	6'3"	325	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee
70.	Devin Ross	CB	5'11"	180	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Arizona
71.	Jarrell Miller	LB	6'3"	235	Highland Spgs., VA	North Carolina
72.	Tim Hawthorne	WR	6'3"	205	Homewood, AL	Auburn
73.	Kiante Tripp	DL	6'6"	244	Atlanta, GA	Georgia
74.	Mark Johnson	LB	6'4"	230	Los Angeles, CA	Ohio State
75.	Emmanuel Moody	RB	6'1"	195	Coppell, TX	USC
76.	Damian Williams	WR	6'1"	188	Springdale, AR	Arkansas
77.	Jermaine Gresham	TE	6'7"	230	Ardmore, OK	Oklahoma
78.	Darian Hagan	CB	5'11"	180	Los Angeles, CA	California
79.	Ian Symonette	OL	6'9"	338	Nassau, Bahamas	Miami
80.	Perrish Cox	CB	6'1"	180	Waco, TX	Okla. State
81.	Terrence Austin	WR	5'11"	175	Long Beach, CA	UCLA
82.	Darrin Walls	CB	6'1"	180	Pittsburgh, PA	Notre Dame
83.	Dustin Earnest	LB	6'3"	217	Texarkana, TX	Texas
84.	Cordera Eason	RB	6'1"	235	Meridian, MS	Ole Miss
85.	Jake Locker	QB	6'2"	210	Ferndale, WA	Washington
86.	Ross Homan	LB	6'1"	237	Coldwater, OH	Ohio State
87.	A.J. Wallace	CB	6'1"	195	Pomfret, MD	Penn State
88.	Alex Cate	QB	6'2"	198	Salt Lake City, UT	Okla. State
89.	Allen Walker	WR	6'1"	200	Olive Branch, MS	Ole Miss
90.	Justin Anderson	OL	6'5"	320	Ocilla, GA	Georgia
91.	Adron Tennell	WR	6'5"	200	Irving, TX	Oklahoma
92.	Raeshon McNeil	CB	6'0"	175	Cooleemee, NC	Notre Dame
93.	Cameron Elisara	DT	6'3"	275	Spokane, WA	Washington
94.	Shareece Wright	CB	6'1"	185	Colton, CA	USC
95.	A.J. Jones	LB	6'2"	190	Tampa, FL	Florida
96.	Stevie Brown	CB	6'0"	195	Columbus, IN	Michigan
97.	Jamere Holland	WR	6'1"	180	Pacoima, CA	USC
98.	Ray Small	WR	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
99.	Kevin Collier	RB	5'11"	180	Rochester, NY	Pittsburgh
100.	Derek Simmons	DT	6'4"	275	Suisun, CA	USC

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Top Rising High School Seniors

Quarterbacks

Pat Bostick	6'4"	220	Lancaster, PA
John Brantley	6'2"	180	Ocala, FL
Morgan Burnett	6'4"	195	College Park, GA
Kodi Burns	6'2"	190	Fort Smith, AR
Clay Belton	6'6"	219	Clayton, OH
John Chiles	6'1"	192	Arlington, TX
Jimmy Clausen	6'3"	195	Westlake Village, CA

Running Backs

Armando Allen	5'10"	195	Hialeah, FL
Raymond Carter	6'0"	190	Los Angeles, CA
Houston Cassita	5'10"	197	Sandy, UT
John Clay	6'2"	220	Racine, WI
Lennon Creer	6'1"	190	Tatum, TX
Noel Devine	5'8"	180	Fort Myers, FL
Jonathan Dwyer	6'0"	200	Atlanta, GA
Darren Evans	6'1"	210	Indianapolis, IN
Broderick Green	6'1"	225	Little Rock, AR
Robert Hughes	6'0"	220	Chicago, IL
Ron Johnson	6'0"	180	Muskegon, MI
Caleb King	5'11"	196	Lilburn, GA
Brian Maddox	5'11"	215	Anderson, SC
Dale Martin	5'11"	200	Bolingbrook, IL
Joe McKnight	6'0"	190	River Ridge, LA
Chris Rainey	5'8"	160	Lakeland, FL
Brandon Saine	6'1"	205	Piqua, OH

Wide Receivers

Arrelious Benn	6'2"	190	Washington, DC
Curtis Brown	5'11"	170	Gilmer, TX
Gabriel Bryant	6'2"	195	Jonesboro, LA
Toney Clemons	6'3"	185	New Kensington, PA
John Ditto	6'4"	215	Monroeville, PA
Antwon Dixon	6'2"	195	Terry, MS
Leonard Hankerson	6'2"	185	Fort Lauderdale, FL
J.R. Hemmingway	6'2"	205	Conway, SC
Dwight Jones	6'5"	210	Burlington, NC
Duval Kamara	6'3"	190	Hoboken, NJ
Greg Little	6'3"	225	Durham, NC
Marcus Mathews	6'5"	200	Beaverton, OR
Ahmad Paige	6'3"	165	Sterlington, LA
Niles Paul	6'1"	185	Omaha, NE
Jay Smith	6'4"	205	Virginia Beach, VA
Golden Tate	6'0"	180	Hendersonville, TN
Deonte Thompson	6'0"	183	Belle Glade, FL

Tight Ends

Christian Ballard	6'5"	265	Lawrence, KS
Nate Chandler	6'6"	225	San Diego, CA
Billy Chavis	6'5"	215	Westbrook, TX
Andrew Devlin	6'7"	255	Pittsburgh, PA
Grant Freeman	6'7"	244	Paris, AR
Rob Gronkowski	6'6"	250	Williamsville, NY
Jordan Hammond	6'4"	225	Lakeland, FL
Da'John Harris	6'4"	250	Gardena, CA
Aaron Hernandez	6'4"	225	Bristol, CT
Ahmard Howard	6'4"	240	Brenham, TX
Blaine Irby	6'3"	235	Ventura, CA
Chris Izbicki	6'4"	240	Kirkland, WA
Mitch Joseph	6'4"	250	Iberia, LA
Devin Mahina	6'6"	225	Upland, CA
Zach Pianalto	6'4"	205	Springdale, AR
Mike Ragone	6'3"	230	Cherry Hill, NJ
Harold Turnage	6'4"	245	Houston, TX

Offensive Linemen

Tray Allen	6'5"	290	Grand Prairie, TX
Anthony Davis	6'5"	300	Piscataway, NJ
Sam DeMartinis	6'6"	250	Notre Dame, CA
John Elliot	6'5"	288	East Meadow, NJ
Jerrod Gooch	6'5"	285	Vidor, TX
Kyle Hix	6'6"	305	Aledo, TX
Emeka Iweka	6'6"	290	Seattle, WA
Chris Little	6'6"	320	Jeffersonville, GA
Josh Marks	6'4"	285	Catawissa, PA
Ryan Miller	6'8"	280	Littleton, CO
Kristofer O'Dowd	6'5"	302	Tucson, AZ
Josh Oglesby	6'7"	325	Milwaukee, WI
Quinton Richardson	6'5"	265	Columbia, SC
Darris Sawtelle	6'5"	285	Bloomfield, MI
Trinton Sturdivant	6'6"	280	Wadesboro, NC
Sione Tau	6'6"	305	Honolulu, HI
Alex Williams	6'6"	290	New Orleans, LA

Defensive Linemen

Akeem Ayers	6'3"	220	Los Angeles, CA
Allen Bailey	6'4"	245	Darien, GA
Ben Bass	6'4"	255	Plano, TX
Jontae Bumpus	6'4"	220	Muskogee, OK
Russell Carter	6'3"	230	Houston, TX
Sidel Corley	6'4"	248	McGill, AL
Carlos Dunlap	6'5"	225	North Charleston, SC
Mike Ebbitt	6'5"	250	Westlake Village, CA
Everson Griffen	6'4"	265	Avondale, AZ
Ryan Houston	6''2"	240	Matthews, NC
Brandon Joiner	6'2"	221	Killeen, TX
Michael Keck	6'5"	220	Harrisonville, MO
Duke Lemmens	6'5"	235	Westlake Village, CA
Ben Martin	6'6"	220	Cincinnati, OH
Cliff Matthews	6'5"	230	Cheraw, SC
Conrad Obi	6'4"	230	Loganville, GA
Travian Robertson	6'4"	220	Laurinburg, NC

Defensive Tackles

Marvin Austin	6'3"	300	Washington, DC
Joseph Barksdale	6'6"	315	Detroit, MI
Will Blackwell	6'3"	285	West Monroe, LA
John Brown	6'1"	285	Lakeland, FL
Luther Davis	6'4"	250	West Monroe, LA
Torrey Davis	6'5"	283	Seffner, FL
Simi Fili	6'4"	315	Salt Lake City, UT
Cameron Heyward	6'6"	270	Suwanee, GA
Andre Jones	6'4"	305	El Paso, TX
D'Angelo McCray	6'5"	280	Jacksonville, FL
Jacoby Monroe	6'2"	280	Jacksonville, FL
Kerry Murphy	6'5"	315	Hoover, AL
Po'u Palelei	6'3"	314	Las Vegas, NV
Tydreke Powell	6'3"	283	Ahoskie, NC
Brian Price	6'3"	270	Los Angeles, CA
Stephen Thomas	6'2"	280	Lancaster, TX
Kaniela Tuipulotu	6'2"	265	Kahuku, HI

Linebackers

Manny Abreu	6'4"	215	Union City, N.J.
Austin Box	6'3"	215	Enid, OK
Josh Byrnes	6'3"	220	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
Chris Colasanti	6'2"	235	Bloomfield, MI
Rennie Curren	5'11"	202	Snellville, GA
Chris Donald	6'3"	220	Huntingdon, TN
Lorenzo Edwards	6'2"	221	Orlando, FL
Chris Gallipo	6'2"	230	Anaheim, CA
Richetti Jones	6'3"	225	Dallas, TX
Randy Martinez	6'1"	235	Teaneck, N.J.
Rolando McClain	6'4"	230	Decatur, AL
Aaron Nagel	6'1"	215	Lemont, IL
Steve Paskorz	6'2"	220	Allison Park, PA
Barquell Rivers	6'1"	220	Wadesboro, NC
Keenan Robinson	6'3"	209	Plano, TX
Malcolm Smith	6'2"	215	Woodland Hills, CA
Derrick Stephens	6'3"	220	Houston, TX

Cornerbacks

Dionte Allen	6'0"	175	Orchard Lake, MI
Antwoine Baker	6'1"	185	Los Angeles, CA
Ahmad Black	5'10"	170	Lakeland, FL
Eric Berry	5'0"	181	Fairburn, GA
Terrance Boykin	5'11"	195	Wynne, AR
Gary Gray	5'11"	165	Columbia, SC
Chris Hart	6'0"	180	Nedrow, NY
Phelon Jones	6'0"	190	Mobile, AL
C.J. Fleming	5'11"	172	Highland Springs, VA
Darryl Robinson	5'10"	175	Philadelphia, PA
Mason Robinson	5'11"	180	Somerville, NJ
Earl Thomas	5'10"	175	West Orange, TX
Devon Torrance	6'1"	190	Canton, OH
Barry Valcin	5'11"	174	Port Arthur, TX
DeMarcus Van Dyke	6'1"	160	Miami, FL
Courtney Viney	5'8"	170	Fresno, CA
Donovan Warren	5'12"	185	Long Beach, CA

Safeties

Mark Barnes	6'3"	195	Columbia, SC
Jordan Bernstine	5'11"	185	Des Moines, IA
Morgan Burnett	6'4"	195	College Park, GA
Artis Chambers	6'2"	185	Fort Wayne, IN
D.J. Donley	6'3"	190	Folkston, GA
Stefoin Francios	6'2"	215	Reserve, LA
Jeremy Finch	6'2"	210	Indianapolis, IN
Chad Jones	6'1"	200	Baton Rouge, LA
Marshall Jones	6'1"	190	Westlake Village, CA
John Knox	6'0"	195	Statesboro, GA
Davon Morgan	6'0"	180	Richmond, VA
Cameron Newton	6'4"	215	Atlanta, GA
Christian Scott	5'11"	185	Dallas, TX
Harrison Smith	6'3"	215	Knoxville, TN
Charlton Sinclair	6'2"	190	Jacksonville, FL
James Thomas	5'11"	176	LaMarque, TX
Willie White	6'3"	175	Kingsland, GA

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A26	Bears (+3) Bills	16-12	W
S 3	Notre Dame (+3) Pitt	42-21	W
S10	Iowa St (+9) Iowa	23-3	W
S11	Chiefs (-3) Jets	27-7	W
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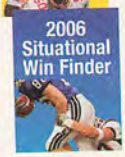

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S. 16 BYU
S. 23 at NC State
S. 30 Maine
O. 12 Virginia Tech
O. 21 at Florida State
O. 28 Buffalo
N. 4 at Wake Forest
N. 11 Duke
N. 18 Maryland
N. 23 at Miami

CLEMSON (8–4)
Clemson, SC
S. 2 Florida Atlantic
S. 9 at Boston College
S. 16 at Florida State
S. 23 North Carolina
S. 30 Louisiana Tech
O. 7 at Wake Forest
O. 12 #Temple
O. 21 Georgia Tech
O. 26 at Virginia Tech
N. 4 Maryland
N. 11 NC State
N. 25 South Carolina
#Charlotte, NC

DUKE (1–10)
Durham, NC
S. 2 Richmond
S. 9 at Wake Forest
S.16 at Virginia Tech
S. 30 Virginia
O. 7 at Alabama
O. 14 Florida State
O. 21 Miami
O. 28 Vanderbilt
N. 4 Navy
N. 11 at Boston College
N. 18 at Georgia Tech
N. 25 North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE (8–5)
Tallahassee, FL
S. 4 at Miami
S. 9 Troy
S. 16 Clemson
S. 23 Rice
S. 30 Open
O. 5 at NC State
O. 14 at Duke
O. 21 Boston College
O. 28 at Mayland
N. 4 Virginia
N. 11 Wake Forest
N. 18 Western Michigan
N. 25 Florida

GEORGIA TECH (7–5)
Atlanta, GA
S. 2 Notre Dame
S. 9 Samford
S. 16 Troy
S. 21 Virginia
S. 30 at Virginia Tech
O. 7 Maryland
O. 21 at Clemson
O. 28 Miami
N. 4 at NC State
N. 11 at North Carolina
N. 18 Duke
N. 25 at Georgia

MARYLAND (5–6)
College Park, MD
S. 2 William & Mary
S. 9 Middle Tennessee
S. 14 at West Virginia
S. 23 Florida International
O. 7 at Georgia Tech
O. 14 at Virginia
O. 21 NC State
O. 28 Florida State
N. 4 at Clemson
N. 11 Miami
N. 18 at Boston College
N. 25 Wake Forest

MIAMI (9–3)
Coral Gables, FL
S. 4 Florida State
S. 9 Florida A&M
S. 16 at Louisville
S. 30 Houston
O. 7 North Carolina
O. 14 Florida International
O. 21 at Duke
O. 28 at Georgia Tech
N. 4 Virginia Tech
N. 11 at Maryland
N. 18 at Virginia
N. 23 Boston College

NORTH CAROLINA (5–6)
Chapel Hill, NC
S. 2 Rutgers
S. 9 Virginia Tech
S. 16 Furman
S. 23 at Clemson
O. 7 at Miami
O. 14 South Florida
O. 19 at Virginia
O. 28 Wake Forest
N. 4 at Notre Dame
N. 11 Georgia Tech
N. 18 NC State
N. 25 at Duke

NC STATE (7–5)
Raleigh, NC
S. 2 Appalachian State
S. 9 Akron
S. 16 at Southern Miss
S. 23 Boston College
O. 5 Florida State
O. 14 Wake Forest
O. 21 at Maryland
O. 28 at Virginia
N. 4 Georgia Tech
N. 11 at Clemson
N. 18 at North Carolina
N. 25 East Carolina

VIRGINIA (7–5)
Charlottesville, VA
S. 2 at Pittsburgh
S. 9 Wyoming
S. 16 Western Michigan
S. 21 at Georgia Tech
S. 30 at Duke
O. 7 at East Carolina
O. 14 Maryland
O. 19 North Carolina
O. 28 NC State
N. 4 at Florida State
N. 18 Miami
N. 25 at Virginia Tech

VIRGINIA TECH (11–2)
Blacksburg, VA
S. 2 Northeastern
S. 9 at North Carolina
S. 16 Duke
S. 23 Cincinnati
S. 30 Georgia Tech
O. 12 at Boston College
O. 21 Southern Miss
O. 26 Clemson
N. 4 at Miami
N. 11 Kent State
N. 18 at Wake Forest
N. 25 Virginia

WAKE FOREST (4–7)
Winston-Salem, NC
S. 2 Syracuse
S. 9 Duke
S. 16 at Connecticut
S. 23 at Ole Miss
S. 30 Liberty
O. 7 Clemson
O. 14 at NC State
O. 28 at North Carolina
N. 4 Boston College
N. 11 at Florida State
N. 18 Virginia Tech
N. 25 at Maryland

BIG EAST

CINCINNATI (4–7)
Cincinnati, OH
S. 2 Eastern Kentucky
S. 8 Pittsburgh
S. 16 at Ohio State
S. 23 at Virginia Tech
S. 30 Miami (OH)
O. 7 Akron
O. 14 at Louisville
O. 21 South Florida
O. 28 Syracuse
N. 11 at West Virginia
N. 18 Rutgers
N. 25 at Connecticut

CONNECTICUT (5–6)
Storrs, CT
A. 31 Rhode Island
S. 16 Wake Forest
S. 23 at Indiana
S. 30 Navy
O. 7 at South Florida
O. 14 Army
O. 20 West Virginia
O. 28 at Rutgers
N. 11 Pittsburgh
N. 18 at Syracuse
N. 25 Cincinnati
D. 2 at Louisville

LOUISVILLE (9–3)
Louisville, KY
S. 2 Kentucky
S. 9 at Temple
S. 16 Miami
S. 23 at Kansas State
O. 6 #Middle Tennessee
O. 14 Cincinnati
O. 21 at Syracuse
N. 2 West Virginia
N. 9 at Rutgers
N. 18 South Florida
N. 25 at Pittsburgh
D. 2 Connecticut
#Nashville, TN

PITTSBURGH (5–6)
Pittsburgh, PA
S. 2 Virginia
S. 8 at Cincinnati
S. 16 Michigan State
S. 23 Citadel
S. 30 Toledo
O. 7 at Syracuse
O. 14 at UCF
O. 21 Rutgers
N. 4 at South Florida
N. 11 at Connecticut
N. 16 West Virginia
N. 25 Louisville

RUTGERS (7–5)
New Brunswick, NJ
S. 2 at North Carolina
S. 9 Illinois
S. 16 Ohio
S. 23 Howard
S. 29 at South Florida
O. 14 at Navy
O. 21 at Pittsburgh
O. 28 Connecticut
N. 9 Louisville
N. 18 at Cincinnati
N. 25 Syracuse
D. 2 at West Virginia

SOUTH FLORIDA (6–6)
Tampa, FL
S. 2 McNeese State
S. 9 Florida International
S. 16 at UCF
S. 23 at Kansas
S. 29 Rutgers
O. 7 Connecticut
O. 14 at North Carolina
O. 21 at Cincinnati
N. 4 Pittsburgh
N. 11 Syracuse
N. 18 at Louisville
N. 25 at West Virginia

SYRACUSE (1–10)
Syracuse, NY
S. 2 at Wake Forest
S. 9 Iowa
S. 16 at Illinois
S. 23 Miami (OH)
S. 30 Wyoming
O. 7 Pittsburgh
O. 14 at West Virginia
O. 21 Louisville
O. 28 at Cincinnati
N. 11 at South Florida
N. 18 Connecticut
N. 25 at Rutgers

WEST VIRGINIA (11–1)
Morgantown, WV
S. 2 Marshall
S. 9 Buffalo
S. 14 Maryland
S. 23 at East Carolina
O. 7 at Mississippi State
O. 14 Syracuse
O. 20 at Connecticut
N. 2 at Louisville
N. 11 Cincinnati
N. 16 at Pittsburgh
N. 25 South Florida
D. 2 Rutgers

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS (2–9)
Champaign, IL
S. 2 Eastern Illinois
S. 9 at Rutgers
S. 16 Syracuse
S. 23 Iowa
S. 30 at Michigan State
O. 7 Indiana
O. 14 Ohio
O. 21 at Penn State
O. 28 at Wisconsin
N. 4 Ohio State
N. 11 Purdue
N. 18 at Northwestern

INDIANA (4–7)
Bloomington, IN
S. 2 Western Michigan
S. 9 at Ball State
S. 16 Southern Illinois
S. 23 Connecticut
S. 30 Wisconsin
O. 7 at Illinois
O. 14 Iowa
O. 21 at Ohio State
O. 28 Michigan State
N. 4 at Minnesota
N. 11 Michigan
N. 18 at Purdue

IOWA (7–5)
Iowa City, IA
S. 2 Montana
S. 9 at Syracuse
S. 16 Iowa State
S. 23 at Illinois
S. 30 Ohio State
O. 7 Purdue
O. 14 at Indiana
O. 21 at Michigan
O. 28 Northern Illinois
N. 4 Northwestern
N. 11 Wisconsin
N. 18 at Minnesota

MICHIGAN (7–5)
Ann Arbor, MI
S. 2 Vanderbilt
S. 9 Central Michigan
S. 16 at Notre Dame
S. 23 Wisconsin
S. 30 at Minnesota
O. 7 Michigan State
O. 14 at Penn State
O. 21 Iowa
O. 28 Northwestern
N. 4 Ball State
N. 11 at Indiana
N. 18 at Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE (5–6)
East Lansing, MI
S. 2 Idaho
S. 9 Eastern Michigan
S. 16 at Pittsburgh
S. 23 Notre Dame
S. 30 Illinois
O. 7 at Michigan
O. 14 Ohio State
O. 21 at Northwestern
O. 28 at Indiana
N. 4 Purdue
N. 11 Minnesota
N. 18 at Penn State

MINNESOTA (7–5)
Minneapolis, MN
A. 31 #at Kent State
S. 9 at California
S. 16 Temple
S. 23 at Purdue
S. 30 Michigan
O. 7 Penn State
O. 14 at Wisconsin
O. 21 North Dakota State
O. 28 at Ohio State
N. 4 Indiana
N. 11 at Michigan State
N. 18 Iowa
#Canton, OH

NORTHWESTERN (7–5)
Evanston, IL
A. 31 at Miami (OH)
S. 9 New Hampshire
S. 16 Eastern Michigan
S. 22 at Nevada
S. 30 at Penn State
O. 7 at Wisconsin
O. 14 Purdue
O. 21 Michigan State
O. 28 at Michigan
N. 4 at Iowa
N. 11 Ohio State
N. 18 Illinois

OHIO STATE (10–2)
Columbus, OH
S. 2 Northern Illinois
S. 9 at Texas
S. 16 Cincinnati
S. 23 Penn State
S. 30 at Iowa
O. 7 Bowling Green
O. 14 at Michigan State
O. 21 Indiana
O. 28 Minnesota
N. 4 at Illinois
N. 11 at Northwestern
N. 18 Michigan

PENN STATE (11–1)
University Park, PA
S. 2 Akron
S. 9 at Notre Dame
S. 16 Youngstown State
S. 23 at Ohio State
S. 30 Northwestern
O. 7 at Minnesota
O. 14 Michigan
O. 21 Illinois
O. 28 at Purdue
N. 4 at Wisconsin
N. 11 Temple
N. 18 Michigan State

PURDUE (5–6)
West Lafayette, IN
S. 2 Indiana State
S. 9 Miami (OH)
S. 16 Ball State
S. 23 Minnesota
S. 30 at Notre Dame
O. 7 at Iowa
O. 14 at Northwestern
O. 21 Wisconsin
O. 28 Penn State
N. 4 at Michigan State
N. 11 at Illinois
N. 18 Indiana
N. 25 at Hawaii

WISCONSIN (10–3)
Madison, WI
S. 2 #Bowling Green
S. 9 Western Illinois
S. 16 San Diego State
S. 23 at Michigan
S. 30 at Indiana
O. 7 Northwestern
O. 14 Minnesota
O. 21 at Purdue
O. 28 Illinois
N. 4 Penn State
N. 11 at Iowa
N. 18 Buffalo
#Cleveland, OH

BIG 12

BAYLOR (5–6)
Waco, TX
S. 2 TCU
S. 9 Northwestern State
S. 16 #Washington State
S. 23 Army
S. 30 Kansas State
O. 7 at Colorado
O. 14 at Texas
O. 21 Kansas
O. 28 Texas A&M
N. 4 at Texas Tech
N. 11 at Oklahoma State
N. 18 Oklahoma
#Seattle, WA

COLORADO (7–6)
Boulder, CO
S. 2 Montana State
S. 9 #Colorado State
S. 16 Arizona State
S. 23 at Georgia
S. 30 at Missouri
O. 7 Baylor
O. 14 Texas Tech
O. 21 at Oklahoma
O. 28 at Kansas
N. 4 Kansas State
N. 11 Iowa State
N. 24 at Nebraska
#Denver, CO

IOWA STATE (7–5)
Ames, IA
A. 31 Toledo
S. 9 UNLV
S. 16 at Iowa
S. 23 at Texas
S. 30 Northern Iowa
O. 7 Nebraska
O. 14 at Oklahoma
O. 21 Texas Tech
O. 28 at Kansas State
N. 4 Kansas
N. 11 at Colorado
N. 18 Missouri

KANSAS (7–5)
Lawrence, KS
S. 2 Northwestern State
S. 9 UL Monroe
S. 16 at Toledo
S. 23 South Florida
S. 30 at Nebraska
O. 7 Texas A&M
O. 14 Oklahoma State
O. 21 at Baylor
O. 28 Colorado
N. 4 at Iowa State
N. 18 Kansas State
N. 25 at Missouri

KANSAS STATE (5–6)
Manhattan, KS
S. 2 Illinois State
S. 9 Florida Atlantic
S. 16 Marshall
S. 23 Louisville
S. 30 at Baylor
O. 7 Oklahoma State
O. 14 Nebraska
O. 21 at Missouri
O. 28 Iowa State
N. 4 at Colorado
N. 11 Texas
N. 18 at Kansas

MISSOURI (7–5)
Columbia, MO
S. 2 Murray State
S. 9 Ole Miss
S. 16 at New Mexico
S. 23 Ohio
S. 30 Colorado
O. 7 at Texas Tech
O. 14 at Texas A&M
O. 21 Kansas State
O. 28 Oklahoma
N. 4 at Nebraska
N. 18 at Iowa State
N. 25 Kansas

NEBRASKA (8–4)
Lincoln, NE
S. 2 Louisiana Tech
S. 9 Nicholls State
S. 16 at USC
S. 23 Troy
S. 30 Kansas
O. 7 at Iowa State
O. 14 at Kansas State
O. 21 Texas
O. 28 at Oklahoma State
N. 4 Missouri
N. 11 at Texas A&M
N. 24 Colorado

OKLAHOMA (8–4)
Norman, OK
S. 2 UAB
S. 9 Washington
S. 16 at Oregon
S. 23 Middle Tennessee
O. 7 #Texas
O. 14 Iowa State
O. 21 Colorado
O. 28 at Missouri
N. 4 at Texas A&M
N. 11 Texas Tech
N. 18 at Baylor
N. 25 at Oklahoma State
#Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE (4–7)
Stillwater, OK
S. 2 Missouri State
S. 9 #at Arkansas State
S. 16 Florida Atlantic
S. 23 at Houston
O. 7 at Kansas State
O. 14 at Kansas
O. 21 Texas A&M
O. 28 Nebraska
N. 4 at Texas
N. 11 Baylor
N. 18 at Texas Tech
N. 25 Oklahoma
#at Little Rock, AR

TEXAS (13–0)
Austin, TX
S. 2 North Texas
S. 9 Ohio State
S. 16 #Rice
S. 23 Iowa State
S. 30 Sam Houston State
O. 7 %Oklahoma
O. 14 Baylor
O. 21 at Nebraska
O. 28 at Texas Tech
N. 4 Oklahoma State
N. 11 at Kansas State
N. 24 Texas A&M
#Reliant Stadium: Houston
%Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M (5–6)
College Station, TX
S. 2 The Citadel
S. 9 UL Lafayette
S. 16 #Army
S. 23 Louisiana Tech
S. 30 Texas Tech
O. 7 at Kansas
O. 14 Missouri
O. 21 at Oklahoma State
O. 28 at Baylor
N. 4 Oklahoma
N. 11 Nebraska
N. 24 at Texas
#San Antonio, TX

2006 I-A COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

TEXAS TECH (9–3)
Lubbock, TX
S. 2 SMU
S. 9 at UTEP
S. 16 at TCU
S. 23 SE Louisiana
S. 30 at Texas A&M
O. 7 Missouri
O. 14 at Colorado
O. 21 at Iowa State
O. 28 Texas
N. 4 Baylor
N. 11 at Oklahoma
N. 18 Oklahoma State

C-USA

EAST CAROLINA (5–6)
Greenville, NC
S. 2 at Navy
S. 9 at UAB
S. 16 Memphis
S. 23 West Virginia
O. 7 Virginia
O. 14 Tulsa
O. 21 SMU
O. 28 at Southern Miss
N. 4 at UCF
N. 11 Marshall
N. 18 at Rice
N. 25 at NC State

HOUSTON (6–6)
Houston, TX
S. 2 at Rice
S. 9 Tulane
S. 16 Grambling State
S. 23 Oklahoma State
S. 30 at Miami
O. 7 UL Lafayette
O. 14 at Southern Miss
O. 21 UTEP
O. 28 UCF
N. 4 Tulsa
N. 11 at SMU
N. 18 at Memphis

MARSHALL (4–7)
Huntington, WV
S. 2 at West Virginia
S. 9 Hofstra
S. 16 at Kansas State
S. 23 at Tennessee
O. 4 UCF
O. 14 at SMU
O. 21 at UAB
O. 28 Memphis
N. 4 Tulane
N. 11 at East Carolina
N. 18 UTEP
N. 25 at Southern Miss

MEMPHIS (7–5)
Memphis, TN
S. 2 at Ole Miss
S. 9 Chattanooga
S. 16 at East Carolina
S. 30 Tennessee
O. 7 at UAB
O. 14 Arkansas State
O. 21 Tulsa
O. 28 at Marshall
N. 4 Southern Miss
N. 11 UCF
N. 18 Houston
N. 25 at UTEP

RICE (1–10)
Houston, TX
S. 2 Houston
S. 9 at UCLA
S. 16 #Texas
S. 23 at Florida State
S. 30 at Army
O. 7 at Tulane
O. 14 UAB
O. 21 at UCF
N. 4 at UTEP
N. 11 at Tulsa
N. 18 East Carolina
N. 25 SMU
#Reliant Stadium: Houston

SMU (5–6)
Dallas, TX
S. 2 at Texas Tech
S. 9 at North Texas
S. 16 Sam Houston State
S. 23 Arkansas State
S. 30 at Tulane
O. 7 at UTEP
O. 14 Marshall
O. 21 at East Carolina
O. 31 UAB
N. 11 Houston
N. 18 Tulsa
N. 25 at Rice

SOUTHERN MISS (7–5)
Hattiesburg, MS
S. 2 at Florida
S. 9 SE Louisiana
S. 16 NC State
S. 26 at UCF
O. 3 at Tulsa
O. 14 Houston
O. 21 at Virginia Tech
O. 28 East Carolina
N. 4 at Memphis
N. 11 at Tulane
N. 18 UAB
N. 25 Marshall

TULANE (2–9)
New Orleans, LA
S. 9 at Houston
S. 16 at Mississippi State
S. 23 at LSU
S. 30 SMU
O. 7 Rice
O. 14 at UTEP
O. 21 at Auburn
O. 28 Army
N. 4 at Marshall
N. 11 Southern Miss
N. 18 UCF
N. 25 at Tulsa

TULSA (9–4)
Tulsa, OK
A. 31 Stephen F. Austin
S. 9 at BYU
S. 16 North Texas
S. 23 at Navy
O. 3 Southern Miss
O. 14 at East Carolina
O. 21 at Memphis
O. 27 UTEP
N. 4 at Houston
N. 11 Rice
N. 18 at SMU
N. 25 Tulane

UAB (5–6)
Birmingham, AL
S. 2 at Oklahoma
S. 9 East Carolina
S. 16 at Georgia
S. 23 Mississippi State
S. 30 Troy
O. 7 Memphis
O. 14 at Rice
O. 21 Marshall
O. 31 at SMU
N. 10 UTEP
N. 18 at Southern Miss
N. 25 at UCF

UCF (8–5)
Orlando, FL
S. 2 Villanova
S. 9 at Florida
S. 16 South Florida
S. 26 Southern Miss
O. 4 at Marshall
O. 13 Pittsburgh
O. 21 Rice
O. 28 at Houston
N. 4 East Carolina
N. 11 at Memphis
N. 18 at Tulane
N. 25 UAB

UTEP (8–4)
El Paso, TX
A. 31 at San Diego State
S. 9 Texas Tech
S. 23 at New Mexico
S. 30 New Mexico State
O. 7 SMU
O. 14 Tulane
O. 21 at Houston
O. 27 at Tulsa
N. 4 Rice
N. 10 at UAB
N. 18 at Marshall
N. 25 Memphis

MAC

AKRON (7–6)
Akron, OH
S. 2 at Penn State
S. 9 at NC State
S. 16 at Central Michigan
S. 23 North Texas
S. 30 at Kent State
O. 7 at Cincinnati
O. 21 Miami (OH)
O. 28 at Toledo
N. 4 Bowling Green
N. 9 Buffalo
N. 16 at Ohio
N. 24 Western Michigan

BALL STATE (4–7)
Muncie, IN
A. 31 Eastern Michigan
S. 9 Indiana
S. 16 at Purdue
S. 23 North Dakota State
S. 30 Northern Illinois
O. 7 at Buffalo
O. 14 at Central Michigan
O. 21 Western Michigan
O. 28 at Miami (OH)
N. 4 at Michigan
N. 14 at Toledo
N. 24 Kent State

BOWLING GREEN (6–5)
Bowling Green, OH
S. 2 #Wisconsin
S. 9 Buffalo
S. 16 at Florida International
S. 23 Kent State
S. 30 at Ohio
O. 7 at Ohio State
O. 14 Eastern Michigan
O. 19 at Central Michigan
O. 28 at Temple
N. 4 at Akron
N. 15 Miami (OH)
N. 21 at Toledo
#Cleveland, OH

BUFFALO (1–10)
Buffalo, NY
A. 31 Temple
S. 9 at Bowling Green
S. 16 at Northern Illinois
S. 23 at Auburn
O. 7 Ball State
O. 14 Miami (OH)
O. 21 at Ohio
O. 28 at Boston College
N. 4 Kent State
N. 9 at Akron
N. 18 at Wisconsin
N. 24 Central Michigan

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (6–5)
Mt. Pleasant, MI
A. 31 Boston College
S. 9 at Michigan
S. 16 Akron
S. 23 at Eastern Michigan
S. 30 at Kentucky
O. 7 at Toledo
O. 14 Ball State
O. 19 Bowling Green
N. 4 at Temple
N. 10 Western Michigan
N. 17 at Northern Illinois
N. 24 at Buffalo

EASTERN MICHIGAN (4–7)
Ypsilanti, MI
A. 31 at Ball State
S. 9 at Michigan State
S. 16 at Northwestern
S. 23 Central Michigan
S. 30 at UL Lafayette
O. 14 at Bowling Green
O. 21 Toledo
O. 28 at Western Michigan
N. 4 Ohio
N. 11 Navy
N. 18 at Kent State
N. 24 Northern Illinois

KENT STATE (1–10)
Kent, OH
A. 31 #Minnesota
S. 9 at Army
S. 16 at Miami (OH)
S. 23 at Bowling Green
S. 30 Akron
O. 7 at Temple
O. 14 Toledo
O. 28 Ohio
N. 4 at Buffalo
N. 11 at Virginia Tech
N. 18 Eastern Michigan
N. 24 at Ball State
#Canton, OH

MIAMI (OH) (7–4)
Oxford, OH
A. 31 Northwestern
S. 9 at Purdue
S. 16 Kent State
S. 23 at Syracuse
S. 30 at Cincinnati
O. 7 Northern Illinois
O. 14 at Buffalo
O. 21 at Akron
O. 28 Ball State
N. 4 at Western Michigan
N. 15 at Bowling Green
N. 24 Ohio

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (7–5)
Dekalb, IL
S. 2 at Ohio State
S. 9 Ohio
S. 16 Buffalo
S. 23 Indiana State
S. 30 at Ball State
O. 7 at Miami (OH)
O. 14 at Western Michigan
O. 21 Temple
O. 28 at Iowa
N. 7 Toledo
N. 17 Central Michigan
N. 24 at Eastern Michigan

OHIO (4–7)
Athens, OH
S. 2 Tennessee-Martin
S. 9 at Northern Illinois
S. 16 at Rutgers
S. 23 at Missouri
S. 30 Bowling Green
O. 7 Western Michigan
O. 14 at Illinois
O. 21 Buffalo
O. 28 at Kent State
N. 4 at Eastern Michigan
N. 16 Akron
N. 24 at Miami (OH)

TOLEDO (9–3)
Toledo, OH
A. 31 at Iowa State
S. 9 at Western Michigan
S. 15 Kansas
S. 23 McNeese State
S. 30 at Pittsburgh
O. 7 Central Michigan
O. 14 at Kent State
O. 21 at Eastern Michigan
O. 28 Akron
N. 7 at Northern Illinois
N. 14 Ball State
N. 21 Bowling Green

WESTERN MICHIGAN (7–4)
Kalamazoo, MI
S. 2 at Indiana
S. 9 Toledo
S. 16 at Virginia
S. 23 Temple
O. 7 at Ohio
O. 14 Northern Illinois
O. 21 at Ball State
O. 28 Eastern Michigan
N. 4 Miami (OH)
N. 10 at Central Michigan
N. 18 at Florida State
N. 24 at Akron

MWC

AIR FORCE (4–7)
Colorado Springs, CO
S. 9 at Tennessee
S. 23 at Wyoming
S. 30 New Mexico
O. 7 Navy
O. 12 Colorado State
O. 21 at San Diego State
O. 28 BYU
N. 3 at Army
N. 11 Notre Dame
N. 18 Utah
N. 24 at UNLV
D. 2 at TCU

BYU (6–6)
Provo, UT
S. 2 at Arizona
S. 9 Tulsa
S. 16 at Boston College
S. 23 Utah State
S. 28 at TCU
O. 7 San Diego State
O. 21 UNLV
O. 28 at Air Force
N. 4 at Colorado State
N. 9 Wyoming
N. 18 New Mexico
N. 25 at Utah

COLORADO STATE (6–6)
Fort Collins, CO
S. 2 Weber State
S. 9 #Colorado
S. 16 at Nevada
S. 30 at Fresno State
O. 7 UNLV
O. 12 at Air Force
O. 21 at Wyoming
O. 28 New Mexico
N. 4 BYU
N. 11 at Utah
N. 25 TCU
D. 2 at San Diego State
#Denver, CO

NEW MEXICO (6–5)
Albuquerque, NM
S. 2 Portland State
S. 9 at New Mexico State
S. 16 Missouri
S. 23 UTEP
S. 30 at Air Force
O. 7 Wyoming
O. 14 at UNLV
O. 19 Utah
O. 28 at Colorado State
N. 11 TCU
N. 18 at BYU
N. 25 San Diego State

SAN DIEGO STATE (5–7)
San Diego, CA
A. 31 UTEP
S. 16 at Wisconsin
S. 23 Utah
S. 30 at San Jose State
O. 7 at BYU
O. 21 Air Force
O. 28 Cal Poly
N. 4 at Wyoming
N. 11 UNLV
N. 18 at TCU
N. 25 at New Mexico
D. 2 Colorado State

TCU (11–1)
Fort Worth, TX
S. 2 at Baylor
S. 9 UC Davis
S. 16 Texas Tech
S. 28 BYU
O. 5 at Utah
O. 21 at Army
O. 28 Wyoming
N. 4 at UNLV
N. 11 at New Mexico
N. 18 San Diego State
N. 25 at Colorado State
D. 2 Air Force

UNLV (2–9)
Las Vegas, NV
S. 2 Idaho State
S. 9 at Iowa State
S. 16 at Hawaii
S. 30 Nevada
O. 7 at Colorado State
O. 14 New Mexico
O. 21 at BYU
O. 28 at Utah
N. 4 TCU
N. 11 at San Diego State
N. 18 Wyoming
N. 24 Air Force

UTAH (7–5)
Salt Lake City, UT
S. 2 at UCLA
S. 9 Northern Arizona
S. 16 at Utah State
S. 23 at San Diego State
S. 30 Boise State
O. 5 TCU
O. 14 at Wyoming
O. 19 at New Mexico
O. 28 UNLV
N. 11 Colorado State
N. 18 at Air Force
N. 25 BYU

WYOMING (4–7)
Laramie, WY
S. 2 Utah State
S. 9 at Virginia
S. 16 Boise State
S. 23 Air Force
S. 30 at Syracuse
O. 7 at New Mexico
O. 14 Utah
O. 21 Colorado State
O. 28 at TCU
N. 4 San Diego State
N. 9 at BYU
N. 18 at UNLV

PAC-10

ARIZONA (3–8)
Tucson, AZ
S. 2 BYU
S. 9 at LSU
S. 16 Stephen F. Austin
S. 23 USC
S. 30 Washington
O. 7 at UCLA
O. 14 at Stanford
O. 21 Oregon State
N. 4 at Washington State
N. 11 California
N. 18 at Oregon
N. 25 Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE (7–5)
Tempe, AZ
A. 31 Northern Arizona
S. 9 Nevada
S. 16 at Colorado
S. 23 at California
S. 30 Oregon
O. 14 at USC
O. 21 Stanford
O. 28 at Washington
N. 4 at Oregon State
N. 11 Washington State
N. 18 UCLA
N. 25 at Arizona

CALIFORNIA (8–4)
Berkeley, CA
S. 2 at Tennessee
S. 9 Minnesota
S. 16 Portland State
S. 23 Arizona State
S. 30 at Oregon State
O. 7 Oregon
O. 14 at Washington State
O. 21 Washington
N. 4 UCLA
N. 11 at Arizona
N. 18 at USC
D. 2 Stanford

OREGON (10–2)
Eugene, OR
S. 2 Stanford
S. 9 at Fresno State
S. 16 Oklahoma
S. 30 at Arizona State
O. 7 at California
O. 14 UCLA
O. 21 at Washington State
O. 28 Portland State
N. 4 Washington
N. 11 at USC
N. 18 Arizona
N. 25 at Oregon State

OREGON STATE (5–6)
Corvallis, OR
A. 31 Eastern Washington
S. 7 at Boise State
S. 23 Idaho
S. 30 California
O. 7 Washington State
O. 14 at Washington
O. 21 at Arizona
O. 28 USC
N. 4 Arizona State
N. 11 at UCLA
N. 18 at Stanford
N. 25 Oregon
D. 2 at Hawaii

STANFORD (5–6)
Stanford, CA
S. 2 at Oregon
S. 9 at San Jose State
S. 16 Navy
S. 23 Washington State
S. 30 at UCLA
O. 7 at Notre Dame
O. 14 Arizona
O. 21 at Arizona State
N. 4 USC
N. 11 at Washington
N. 18 Oregon State
D. 2 at California

UCLA (10–2)
Los Angeles, CA
S. 2 Utah
S. 9 Rice
S. 23 at Washington
S. 30 Stanford
O. 7 Arizona
O. 14 at Oregon
O. 21 at Notre Dame
O. 28 Washington State
N. 4 at California
N. 11 Oregon State
N. 18 at Arizona State
D. 2 USC

USC (12–1)
Los Angeles, CA
S. 2 at Arkansas
S. 16 Nebraska
S. 23 at Arizona
S. 30 at Washington State
O. 7 Washington
O. 14 Arizona State
O. 28 at Oregon State
N. 4 at Stanford
N. 11 Oregon
N. 18 California
N. 25 Notre Dame
D. 2 at UCLA

WASHINGTON (2–9)
Seattle, WA
S. 2 San Jose State
S. 9 at Oklahoma
S. 16 Fresno State
S. 23 UCLA
S. 30 at Arizona
O. 7 at USC
O. 14 Oregon State
O. 21 at California
O. 28 Arizona State
N. 4 at Oregon
N. 11 Stanford
N. 18 at Washington State

WASHINGTON STATE (4–7)
Pullman, WA
S. 2 at Auburn
S. 9 Idaho
S. 16 #Baylor
S. 23 at Stanford
S. 30 USC
O. 7 at Oregon State
O. 14 California
O. 21 Oregon
O. 28 at UCLA
N. 4 Arizona
N. 11 at Arizona State
N. 18 Washington
#Seattle, WA

SEC

ALABAMA (10–2)
Tuscaloosa, AL
S. 2 Hawaii
S. 9 Vanderbilt
S. 16 UL Monroe
S. 23 at Arkansas
S. 30 at Florida
O. 7 Duke
O. 14 Ole Miss
O. 21 at Tennessee
O. 28 Florida International
N. 4 Mississippi State
N. 11 at LSU
N. 18 Auburn

ARKANSAS (4–7)
Fayetteville, AR
S. 2 USC
S. 9 Utah State
S. 16 at Vanderbilt
S. 23 Alabama
O. 7 at Auburn
O. 14 SE Missouri State
O. 21 Ole Miss
O. 28 #UL Monroe
N. 4 at South Carolina
N. 11 Tennessee
N. 18 at Mississippi State
N. 25 #LSU
#Little Rock, AR

AUBURN (9–3)
Auburn, AL
S. 2 Washington State
S. 9 at Mississippi State
S. 16 LSU
S. 23 Buffalo
S. 28 at South Carolina
O. 7 Arkansas
O. 14 Florida
O. 21 Tulane
O. 28 at Ole Miss
N. 4 Arkansas State
N. 11 Georgia
N. 18 at Alabama

FLORIDA (9–3)
Gainesville, FL
S. 2 Southern Miss
S. 9 UCF
S. 16 at Tennessee
S. 23 Kentucky
S. 30 Alabama
O. 7 LSU
O. 14 at Auburn
O. 28 #Georgia
N. 4 at Vanderbilt
N. 11 South Carolina
N. 18 Western Carolina
N. 25 at Florida State
#Jacksonville, FL

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GEORGIA (10–3)
Athens, GA
S. 2 Western Kentucky
S. 9 at South Carolina
S. 16 UAB
S. 23 Colorado
S. 30 at Ole Miss
O. 7 Tennessee
O. 14 Vanderbilt
O. 21 Mississippi State
O. 28 #Florida
N. 4 at Kentucky
N. 11 at Auburn
N. 25 Georgia Tech
#Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY (3–8)
Lexington, KY
S. 2 at Louisville
S. 9 Texas State
S. 16 Ole Miss
S. 23 at Florida
S. 30 Central Michigan
O. 7 South Carolina
O. 14 at LSU
O. 28 at Mississippi State
N. 4 Georgia
N. 11 Vanderbilt
N. 18 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 25 at Tennessee

LSU (11–2)
Baton Rouge, LA
S. 2 UL Lafayette
S. 9 Arizona
S. 16 at Auburn
S. 23 Tulane
S. 30 Mississippi State
O. 7 at Florida
O. 14 Kentucky
O. 21 Fresno State
N. 4 at Tennessee
N. 11 Alabama
N. 18 Ole Miss
N. 25 #Arkansas
#Little Rock, AR

MISSISSIPPI STATE (3–8)
Starkville, MS
A. 31 South Carolina
S. 9 Auburn
S. 16 Tulane
S. 23 at UAB
S. 30 at LSU
O. 7 West Virginia
O. 14 Jacksonville State
O. 21 at Georgia
O. 28 Kentucky
N. 4 at Alabama
N. 18 Arkansas
N. 25 at Ole Miss

OLE MISS (3–8)
Oxford, MS
S. 2 Memphis
S. 9 at Missouri
S. 16 at Kentucky
S. 23 Wake Forest
S. 30 Georgia
O. 7 Vanderbilt
O. 14 at Alabama
O. 21 at Arkansas
O. 28 Auburn
N. 4 Northwestern State
N. 18 at LSU
N. 25 Mississippi State

SOUTH CAROLINA (7–5)
Columbia, SC
A. 31 at Mississippi State
S. 9 Georgia
S. 16 Wofford
S. 23 Florida Atlantic
S. 28 Auburn
O. 7 at Kentucky
O. 21 at Vanderbilt
O. 28 Tennessee
N. 4 Arkansas
N. 11 at Florida
N. 18 Middle Tennessee
N. 25 at Clemson

TENNESSEE (5–6)
Knoxville, TN
S. 2 California
S. 9 Air Force
S. 16 Florida
S. 23 Marshall
S. 30 at Memphis
O. 7 at Georgia
O. 21 Alabama
O. 28 at South Carolina
N. 4 LSU
N. 11 at Arkansas
N. 18 at Vanderbilt
N. 25 Kentucky

VANDERBILT (5–6)
Nashville, TN
S. 2 at Michigan
S. 9 at Alabama
S. 16 Arkansas
S. 23 Tennessee State
S. 30 Temple
O. 7 at Ole Miss
O. 14 at Georgia
O. 21 South Carolina
O. 28 at Duke
N. 4 Florida
N. 11 at Kentucky
N. 18 Tennessee

SUNBELT

ARKANSAS STATE (6–6)
Jonesboro, AR
S. 2 Army
S. 9 #Oklahoma State
S. 23 at SMU
S. 30 at Florida International
O. 7 UL Monroe
O. 14 at Memphis
O. 21 North Texas
O. 28 at Florida Atlantic
N. 4 at Auburn
N. 11 Middle Tennessee
N. 18 at Troy
N. 25 at UL Lafayette
#Little Rock, AR

FLORIDA ATLANTIC (2–9)
Boca Raton, FL
S. 2 at Clemson
S. 9 at Kansas State
S. 16 at Oklahoma State
S. 23 at South Carolina
S. 30 at UL Monroe
O. 18 UL Lafayette
O. 28 Arkansas State
N. 4 at Middle Tennessee
N. 11 Troy
N. 18 at North Texas
N. 25 Florida International

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (5–6)
Miami, FL
A. 31 at Middle Tennessee
S. 9 at South Florida
S. 16 Bowling Green
S. 23 at Maryland
S. 30 Arkansas State
O. 14 at Miami
O. 21 at North Texas
O. 28 at Alabama
N. 4 UL Monroe
N. 18 UL Lafayette
N. 25 at Florida Atlantic
D. 2 Troy

UL LAFAYETTE (6–5)
Lafayette, LA
S. 2 at LSU
S. 9 at Texas A&M
S. 16 McNeese State
S. 30 Eastern Michigan
O. 7 at Houston
O. 18 at Florida Atlantic
O. 28 Middle Tennessee
N. 4 at Troy
N. 11 North Texas
N. 18 at Florida International
N. 25 Arkansas State
D. 2 UL Monroe

UL MONROE (5–6)
Monroe, LA
S. 2 Alcorn State
S. 9 at Kansas
S. 16 at Alabama
S. 30 Florida Atlantic
O. 7 at Arkansas State
O. 14 at Troy
O. 21 Middle Tennessee
O. 28 #Arkansas
N. 11 at Florida International
N. 18 at Kentucky
N. 25 North Texas
D. 2 at UL Lafayette
#Little Rock, AR

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (4–7)
Murfreesboro, TN
A. 31 Florida International
S. 9 at Maryland
S. 14 Tennessee Tech
S. 23 at Oklahoma
S. 30 at North Texas
O. 6 #Louisville
O. 21 at UL Monroe
O. 28 at UL Lafayette
N. 4 Florida Atlantic
N. 11 at Arkansas State
N. 18 at South Carolina
N. 25 Troy
#Nashville, TN

NORTH TEXAS (2–9)
Denton, TX
S. 2 at Texas
S. 9 SMU
S. 16 at Tulsa
S. 23 at Akron
S. 30 Middle Tennessee
O. 7 Florida International
O. 21 at Arkansas State
O. 28 at Troy
N. 4 Louisiana Tech
N. 11 at UL Lafayette
N. 18 Florida Atlantic
N. 25 at UL Monroe

TROY (4–7)
Troy, AL
S. 2 Alabama State
S. 9 at Florida State
S. 16 at Georgia Tech
S. 23 at Nebraska
S. 30 at UAB
O. 14 UL Monroe
O. 28 North Texas
N. 4 UL Lafayette
N. 11 at Florida Atlantic
N. 18 Arkansas State
N. 25 at Middle Tennessee
D. 2 at Florida International

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BOISE STATE (9–4)
Boise, ID
A. 31 Sacramento State
S. 7 Oregon State
S. 16 at Wyoming
S. 23 Hawaii
S. 30 at Utah
O. 7 Louisiana Tech
O. 14 at New Mexico State
O. 21 at Idaho
N. 1 Fresno State
N. 11 at San Jose State
N. 18 Utah State
N. 25 at Nevada

FRESNO STATE (8–5)
Fresno, CA
S. 1 Nevada
S. 9 Oregon
S. 16 at Washington
S. 30 Colorado State
O. 7 at Utah State
O. 14 Hawaii
O. 21 at LSU
N. 1 at Boise State
N. 11 New Mexico State
N. 18 Idaho
N. 24 at Louisiana Tech
D. 2 at San Jose State

HAWAII (5–7)
Honolulu, HI
S. 2 at Alabama
S. 16 UNLV
S. 23 at Boise State
S. 30 Eastern Illinois
O. 7 Nevada
O. 14 at Fresno State
O. 21 at New Mexico State
O. 28 Idaho
N. 4 at Utah State
N. 11 Louisiana Tech
N. 18 San Jose State
N. 25 Purdue
D. 2 Oregon State

IDAHO (2–9)
Moscow, ID
S. 2 at Michigan State
S. 9 at Washington State
S. 16 Idaho State
S. 23 at Oregon State
S. 30 at Utah State
O. 7 New Mexico State
O. 14 at Louisiana Tech
O. 21 Boise State
O. 28 at Hawaii
N. 4 Nevada
N. 18 at Fresno State
N. 25 San Jose State

LOUISIANA TECH (7–4)
Ruston, LA
S. 2 at Nebraska
S. 16 Nicholls State
S. 23 at Texas A&M
S. 30 at Clemson
O. 7 at Boise State
O. 14 Idaho
O. 21 Utah State
O. 28 at San Jose State
N. 4 at North Texas
N. 11 at Hawaii
N. 18 Nevada
N. 24 Fresno State
D. 2 at New Mexico State

NEVADA (9–3)
Reno, NV
S. 1 at Fresno State
S. 9 at Arizona State
S. 16 Colorado State
S. 22 Northwestern
S. 30 at UNLV
O. 7 at Hawaii
O. 21 San Jose State
O. 28 New Mexico State
N. 4 at Idaho
N. 11 Utah State
N. 18 at Louisiana Tech
N. 25 Boise State

NEW MEXICO STATE (0–12)
Las Cruces, NM
A. 31 SE Louisiana
S. 9 New Mexico
S. 16 Texas Southern
S. 30 at UTEP
O. 7 at Idaho
O. 14 Boise State
O. 21 Hawaii
O. 28 at Nevada
N. 4 San Jose State
N. 11 at Fresno State
N. 25 at Utah State
D. 2 Louisiana Tech

SAN JOSE STATE (3–8)
San Jose, CA
S. 2 at Washington
S. 9 Stanford
S. 23 Cal Poly
S. 30 San Diego State
O. 14 Utah State
O. 21 at Nevada
O. 28 Louisiana Tech
N. 4 at New Mexico State
N. 11 Boise State
N. 18 at Hawaii
N. 25 at Idaho
D. 2 Fresno State

UTAH STATE (3–8)
Logan, UT
S. 2 at Wyoming
S. 9 at Arkansas
S. 16 Utah
S. 23 at BYU
S. 30 Idaho
O. 7 Fresno State
O. 14 at San Jose State
O. 21 at Louisiana Tech
N. 4 Hawaii
N. 11 at Nevada
N. 18 at Boise State
N. 25 New Mexico State

INDEPENDENTS

ARMY (4–7)
West Point, NY
S. 2 at Arkansas State
S. 9 Kent State
S. 16 #Texas A&M
S. 23 at Baylor
S. 30 Rice
O. 7 VMI
O. 14 at Connecticut
O. 21 TCU
O. 28 at Tulane
N. 3 Air Force
N. 18 at Notre Dame
D. 2 %Navy
#San Antonio, TX
%Philadelphia, PA

NAVY (8–4)
Annapolis, MD
S. 2 East Carolina
S. 9 Massachusetts
S. 16 at Stanford
S. 23 Tulsa
S. 30 at Connecticut
O. 7 at Air Force
O. 14 Rutgers
O. 28 #Notre Dame
N. 4 at Duke
N. 11 at Eastern Michigan
N. 18 Temple
D. 2 %Army
#Baltimore, MD
%Philadelphia, PA

NOTRE DAME (9–3)
South Bend, IN
S. 2 at Georgia Tech
S. 9 Penn State
S. 16 Michigan
S. 23 at Michigan State
S. 30 Purdue
O. 7 Stanford
O. 21 UCLA
O. 28 #Navy
N. 4 North Carolina
N. 11 at Air Force
N. 18 Army
N. 25 at USC
#Baltimore, MD

TEMPLE (0–11)
Philadelphia, PA
A. 31 at Buffalo
S. 9 Louisville
S. 16 at Minnesota
S. 23 at Western Michigan
S. 30 at Vanderbilt
O. 7 Kent State
O. 12 #Clemson
O. 21 at Northern Illinois
O. 28 Bowling Green
N. 4 Central Michigan
N. 11 at Penn State
N. 18 at Navy
#Charlotte, NC

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ATLANTIC 10

DELAWARE (6–5)
Newark, DE
S. 9 West Chester
S. 16 Albany
S. 23 at Rhode Island
S. 30 New Hampshire
O. 7 at Northeastern
O. 14 Hofstra
O. 21 at Richmond
O. 28 Towson
N. 4 at James Madison
N. 11 William & Mary
N. 18 Villanova

HOFSTRA (7–4)
Hempstead, NY
A. 31 at Stony Brook
S. 9 at Marshall
S. 23 Towson
S. 30 at William & Mary
O. 7 Villanova
O. 14 at Delaware
O. 21 at Maine
O. 28 at New Hampshire
N. 4 Rhode Island
N. 11 Northeastern
N. 18 at Massachusetts

JAMES MADISON (7–4)
Harrisonburg, VA
S. 2 Bloomsburg
S. 9 at Appalachian State
S. 23 Northeastern
S. 30 at VMI
O. 7 Rhode Island
O. 14 at New Hampshire
O. 21 William & Mary
O. 28 at Richmond
N. 4 Delaware
N. 11 at Villanova
N. 18 at Towson

MAINE (5–6)
Orono, ME
S. 9 Youngstown State
S. 16 at William & Mary
S. 30 at Boston College
O. 7 at Towson
O. 14 Villanova
O. 21 Hofstra
O. 28 at Rhode Island
N. 4 Northeastern
N. 11 at Massachusetts
N. 18 New Hampshire

MASSACHUSETTS (7–4)
Amherst, MA
S. 2 Colgate
S. 9 at Navy
S. 16 at Villanova
S. 23 Stony Brook
O. 7 William & Mary
O. 14 at Towson
O. 21 Rhode Island
O. 28 at Northeastern
N. 4 at New Hampshire
N. 11 Maine
N. 18 Hofstra

NEW HAMPSHIRE (11–2)
Durham, NH
S. 9 at Northwestern
S. 16 Stony Brook
S. 23 at Dartmouth
S. 30 at Delaware
O. 7 Richmond
O. 14 James Madison
O. 21 at Northeastern
O. 28 Hofstra
N. 4 Massachusetts
N. 11 at Rhode Island
N. 18 at Maine

NORTHEASTERN (2–9)
Boston, MA
S. 2 at Virginia Tech
S. 9 at Holy Cross
S. 16 at North Dakota State
S. 23 at James Madison
S. 30 at Richmond
O. 7 Delaware
O. 21 New Hampshire
O. 28 Massachusetts
N. 4 at Maine
N. 11 at Hofstra
N. 18 Rhode Island

RHODE ISLAND (4–7)
Kingston, RI
A. 31 at Connecticut
S. 9 Merrimack
S. 23 Delaware
S. 30 Brown
O. 7 at James Madison
O. 14 Richmond
O. 21 at Massachusetts
O. 28 Maine
N. 4 at Hofstra
N. 11 New Hampshire
N. 18 at Northeastern

RICHMOND (9–4)
Richmond, VA
S. 2 at Duke
S. 16 VMI
S. 23 Bucknell
S. 30 Northeastern
O. 7 at New Hampshire
O. 14 at Rhode Island
O. 21 Delaware
O. 28 James Madison
N. 4 at Villanova
N. 11 Towson
N. 18 at William & Mary

TOWSON (6–5)
Towson, MD
S. 2 Morgan State
S. 9 at Elon
S. 16 Liberty
S. 23 at Hofstra
O. 7 Maine
O. 14 Massachusetts
O. 21 at Villanova
O. 28 at Delaware
N. 4 William & Mary
N. 11 at Richmond
N. 18 James Madison

VILLANOVA (4–7)
Philadelphia, PA
S. 2 at UCF
S. 9 Lehigh
S. 16 Massachusetts
S. 23 at Penn
O. 7 at Hofstra
O. 14 at Maine
O. 21 Towson
O. 28 at William & Mary
N. 4 Richmond
N. 11 James Madison
N. 18 at Delaware

WILLIAM & MARY (5–6)
Williamsburg, VA
S. 2 at Maryland
S. 16 Maine
S. 23 VMI
S. 30 Hofstra
O. 7 at Massachusetts
O. 14 at Liberty
O. 21 at James Madison
O. 28 Villanova
N. 4 at Towson
N. 11 at Delaware
N. 18 Richmond

BIG SKY

EASTERN WASH. (7–5)
Cheney, WA
A. 31 at Oregon State
S. 9 at West Virginia
S. 16 Central Washington
S. 23 at Montana State
S. 30 Sacramento State
O. 7 Montana
O. 14 at Northern Colorado
O. 21 at Portland State
O. 28 Northern Arizona
N. 4 at Weber State
N. 11 Idaho State

IDAHO STATE (5–6)
Pocatello, ID
S. 2 at UNLV
S. 9 Fort Lewis
S. 16 at Idaho
S. 23 Northern Arizona
O. 7 at Northern Colorado
O. 14 at Portland State
O. 21 Montana State
O. 28 at Montana
N. 4 Sacramento State
N. 11 at Eastern Washington
N. 18 Weber State

MONTANA (8–4)
Missoula, MT
S. 2 at Iowa
S. 9 South Dakota State
S. 23 Sacramento State
S. 30 at Portland State
O. 7 at Eastern Washington
O. 14 Northern Arizona
O. 21 at Weber State
O. 28 Idaho State
N. 4 Cal Poly
N. 11 at Northern Colorado
N. 18 Montana State

MONTANA STATE (7–4)
Bozeman, MT
S. 2 at Colorado
S. 9 UC Davis
S. 16 Humboldt State
S. 23 Eastern Washington
S. 30 at Northern Arizona
O. 7 Portland State
O. 14 at Sacramento State
O. 21 at Idaho State
O. 28 Weber State
N. 4 Northern Colorado
N. 18 at Montana

NORTHERN ARIZONA (3–8)
Flagstaff, AZ
A. 31 at Arizona State
S. 9 at Utah
S. 16 Dixie College
S. 23 at Idaho State
S. 30 Montana State
O. 14 at Montana
O. 21 Sacramento State
O. 28 at Eastern Washington
N. 04 Portland State
N. 11 Weber State
N. 18 at Northern Colorado

PORTLAND STATE (6–5)
Portland, OR
S. 2 at New Mexico
S. 9 Northern Colorado
S. 16 at California
S. 23 at Weber State
S. 30 Montana
O. 7 at Montana State
O. 14 Idaho State
O. 21 Eastern Washington
O. 28 at Oregon
N. 4 at Northern Arizona
N. 11 at Sacramento State

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SACRAMENTO STATE (2–9)
Sacramento, CA
A. 31 at Boise State
S. 16 Cal Poly
S. 23 at Montana
S. 30 at Eastern Wash
O. 7 Weber State
O. 14 Montana State
O. 21 at Northern Arizona
O. 28 Northern Colorado
N. 4 at Idaho State
N. 11 Portland State
N. 18 at UC Davis

WEBER STATE (6–5)
Ogden, UT
S. 2 at Colorado State
S. 9 Cal Poly
S. 16 Southern Utah
S. 23 Portland State
S. 29 Northern Colorado
O. 7 at Sacramento State
O. 21 Montana
O. 28 at Montana State
N. 4 Eastern Washington
N. 11 at Northern Arizona
N. 18 at Idaho State

BIG SOUTH

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (7–4)
Charleston, SC
S. 2 at Presbyterian
S. 9 at The Citadel
S. 16 Wingate
S. 30 North Greenville
O. 7 at Savannah State
O. 14 Edward Waters
O. 21 VMI
O. 28 Georgetown
N. 4 Gardner-Webb
N. 11 at Liberty
N. 18 at Coastal Carolina

COASTAL CAROLINA (9–2)
Conway, SC
S. 2 Elon
S. 9 at Wofford
S. 16 at Georgia Southern
S. 23 South Carolina State
S. 30 at Winston-Salem State
O. 7 Furman
O. 14 at VMI
O. 28 Liberty
N. 4 Savannah State
N. 11 at Gardner-Webb
N. 18 Charleston Southern

GARDNER-WEBB (5–6)
Boiling Springs, NC
S. 2 at Jacksonville
S. 9 Tennessee Tech
S. 16 at Tennessee-Martin
S. 23 Appalachian State
S. 30 at SE Louisiana
O. 14 Glenville State
O. 21 at Liberty
O. 28 VMI
N. 4 at Charleston Southern
N. 11 Coastal Carolina
N. 18 Wofford

LIBERTY (1–10)
Lynchburg, VA
A. 31 St. Paul's
S. 9 Glenville State
S. 16 at Towson
S. 23 at Savannah State
S. 30 Wake Forest
O. 14 William & Mary
O. 21 Gardner-Webb
O. 28 at Coastal Carolina
N. 4 Western Carolina
N. 11 Charleston Southern
N. 18 at VMI

VMI (3–8)
Lexington, VA
S. 2 Davidson
S. 9 at Norfolk State
S. 16 at Richmond
S. 23 at William & Mary
S. 30 James Madison
O. 7 at Army
O. 14 Coastal Carolina
O. 21 at Charleston Southern
O. 28 at Gardner-Webb
N. 11 at The Citadel
N. 18 Liberty

GATEWAY

ILLINOIS STATE (7–4)
Normal, IL
S. 2 at Kansas State
S. 9 Central Arkansas
S. 16 Eastern Illinois
S. 23 at Murray State
O. 7 at Western Kentucky
O. 14 Southern Illinois
O. 21 at Western Illinois
O. 28 Youngstown State
N. 4 Missouri State
N. 11 at Indiana State
N. 18 at Northern Iowa

INDIANA STATE (0–11)
Terre Haute, IN
S. 2 at Purdue
S. 9 at Eastern Illinois
S. 16 Murray State
S. 23 at Northern Illinois
S. 30 at Southern Illinois
O. 7 at Youngstown State
O. 14 Northern Iowa
O. 21 Missouri State
O. 28 at Western Kentucky
N. 4 at Western Illinois
N. 11 Illinois State

NORTHERN IOWA (11–4)
Cedar Falls, IA
A. 31 at Drake
S. 16 South Dakota State
S. 30 at Iowa State
O. 7 Missouri State
O. 14 at Indiana State
O. 21 at Youngstown State
O. 28 Western Illinois
N. 4 Western Kentucky
N. 11 at Southern Illinois
N. 18 Illinois State

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (9–4)
Carbondale, IL
A. 31 Lock Haven
S. 16 at Indiana
S. 23 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 30 Indiana State
O. 7 Western Illinois
O. 14 at Illinois State
O. 21 Western Kentucky
O. 28 at Missouri State
N. 4 at Youngstown State
N. 11 Northern Iowa
N. 18 Southern Utah

MISSOURI STATE (4–6)
Springfield, MO
S. 2 at Oklahoma State
S. 9 Southwest Baptist
S. 16 at Central Arkansas
S. 23 Sam Houston State
S. 30 Youngstown State
O. 7 at Northern Iowa
O. 14 Western Kentucky
O. 21 at Indiana State
O. 28 Southern Illinois
N. 4 at Illinois State
N. 11 Western Illinois

WESTERN ILLINOIS (5–6)
Macomb, IL
A. 31 Morehead State
S. 9 at Wisconsin
S. 16 Kentucky Wesleyan
S. 23 at Northern Colorado
S. 30 at Western Kentucky
O. 7 at Southern Illinois
O. 14 Youngstown State
O. 21 Illinois State
O. 28 at Northern Iowa
N. 4 Indiana State
N. 11 at Missouri State

WESTERN KENTUCKY (6–5)
Bowling Green, KY
S. 2 at Georgia
S. 9 at Eastern Kentucky
S. 16 Chattanooga
S. 30 Western Illinois
O. 7 Illinois State
O. 14 at Missouri State
O. 21 at Southern Illinois
O. 28 Indiana State
N. 4 at Northern Iowa
N. 11 Youngstown State
N. 18 Austin Peay

YOUNGSTOWN STATE (8–3)
Youngstown, OH
A. 31 Slippery Rock
S. 9 Maine
S. 16 at Penn State
S. 23 UC Davis
S. 30 at Missouri State
O. 7 Indiana State
O. 14 at Western Illinois
O. 21 Northern Iowa
O. 28 at Illinois State
N. 4 Southern Illinois
N. 11 at Western Kentucky

GREAT WEST

CAL POLY (9–4)
San Luis Obispo, CA
S. 2 Fort Lewis
S. 9 at Weber State
S. 16 at Sacramento State
S. 23 at San Jose State
S. 30 Southern Utah
O. 7 UC Davis
O. 21 South Dakota State
O. 28 at San Diego State
N. 4 at Montana
N. 11 at North Dakota State
N. 18 Savannah State

NORTH DAKOTA STATE (7–4)
Fargo, ND
A. 31 Concordia-St. Paul
S. 16 Northeastern
S. 23 at Ball State
S. 30 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 7 at Georgia Southern
O. 14 Miss. Valley State
O. 21 at Minnesota
O. 28 at Southern Utah
N. 4 at UC Davis
N. 11 Cal Poly
N. 18 South Dakota State

NO. COLORADO (4–7)
Greeley, CO
S. 2 UC Davis
S. 9 at Portland State
S. 16 at Texas State
S. 23 Western Illinois
S. 30 at Weber State
O. 7 Idaho State
O. 14 Eastern Washington
O. 28 at Sacramento State
N. 4 at Montana State
N. 11 Montana
N. 18 Northern Arizona

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (6–5)
Brookings, SD
South Dakota State
S. 2 Wisconsin-La Crosse
S. 9 at Montana
S. 16 at Northern Iowa
S. 23 at Nicholls State
S. 30 at McNeese State
O. 7 Central Arkansas
O. 21 at Cal Poly
O. 28 UC Davis
N. 4 William Penn
N. 11 at Southern Utah
N. 18 at North Dakota State

SOUTHERN UTAH (1–9)
Cedar City, UT
S. 2 Montana Tech
S. 9 Western State
S. 16 at Weber State
S. 23 Texas State
S. 30 at Cal Poly
O. 7 at McNeese State
O. 21 at UC Davis
O. 28 North Dakota State
N. 11 South Dakota State
N. 18 at Southern Illinois

UC DAVIS (6–5)
Davis, CA
S. 2 at Northern Colorado
S. 9 at TCU
S. 23 at Youngstown State
O. 7 at Cal Poly
O. 14 Central Arkansas
O. 21 Southern Utah
O. 28 at South Dakota State
N. 4 North Dakota State
N. 18 Sacramento State
N. 25 San Diego

IVY

BROWN (9–1)
Providence, RI
S. 16 Georgetown
S. 23 Harvard
S. 30 at Rhode Island
O. 7 at Holy Cross
O. 14 at Princeton
O. 21 Cornell
O. 28 at Penn
N. 4 Yale
N. 11 at Dartmouth
N. 18 Columbia

COLUMBIA (2–8)
New York, NY
S. 16 Fordham
S. 23 Georgetown
S. 30 Princeton
O. 7 Iona
O. 14 at Penn
O. 21 Dartmouth
O. 28 at Yale
N. 4 at Harvard
N. 11 Cornell
N. 18 at Brown

CORNELL (6–4)
Ithaca, NY
S. 16 at Bucknell
S. 23 Yale
S. 30 Albany
O. 7 at Harvard
O. 14 Colgate
O. 21 at Brown
O. 28 Princeton
N. 4 Dartmouth
N. 11 at Columbia
N. 18 Penn

DARTMOUTH (2–8)
Hanover, NH
S. 16 at Colgate
S. 23 New Hampshire
S. 30 at Penn
O. 7 Yale
O. 14 Holy Cross
O. 21 at Columbia
O. 28 Harvard
N. 4 at Cornell
N. 11 Brown
N. 18 at Princeton

HARVARD (7–3)
Cambridge, MA
S. 16 Holy Cross
S. 23 at Brown
S. 30 at Lehigh
O. 7 Cornell
O. 14 Lafayette
O. 21 at Princeton
O. 28 at Dartmouth
N. 4 Columbia
N. 11 at Penn
N. 18 Yale

PENN (5–5)
Philadelphia, PA
S. 16 at Lafayette
S. 23 Villanova
S. 30 Dartmouth
O. 07 at Bucknell
O. 14 Columbia
O. 21 at Yale
O. 28 Brown
N. 4 at Princeton
N. 11 Harvard
N. 18 at Cornell

PRINCETON (7–3)
Princeton, NJ
S. 16 at Lehigh
S. 23 Lafayette
S. 30 at Columbia
O. 7 at Colgate
O. 14 Brown
O. 21 Harvard
O. 28 at Cornell
N. 4 Penn
N. 11 at Yale
N. 18 Dartmouth

YALE (4–6)
New Haven, CT
S. 16 San Diego
S. 23 at Cornell
S. 30 at Lafayette
O. 7 at Dartmouth
O. 14 Lehigh
O. 21 Penn
O. 28 Columbia
N. 4 at Brown
N. 11 Princeton
N. 18 at Harvard

MAAC

DUQUESNE (7–3)
Pittsburgh, PA
S. 2 at Bucknell
S. 9 at Robert Morris
S. 16 St. Francis (PA)
S. 23 Sacred Heart
S. 30 West Liberty State
O. 7 at Fordham
O. 14 at St. Peter's
O. 21 Marist
O. 28 Iona
N. 4 at La Salle

IONA (3–7)
New Rochelle, NY
S. 2 Montclair State
S. 9 at Wagner
S. 16 at Sacred Heart
S. 23 Western Connecticut
S. 30 Stonehill
O. 7 at Columbia
O. 21 La Salle
O. 28 at Duquesne
N. 4 St. Peter's
N. 11 at Marist

LA SALLE (4–7)
Philadelphia, PA
S. 2 Wagner
S. 9 at Monmouth
S. 23 at St. Francis (PA)
O. 21 at Iona
N. 4 Duquesne
N. 9 at St. Peter's

MARIST (7–4)
Poughkeepsie, NY
S. 2 at Central Conn. State
S. 9 Sacred Heart
S. 16 Wagner
S. 23 Holy Cross
S. 30 Bucknell
O. 21 at Duquesne
O. 28 St. Peter's
N. 4 at Georgetown
N. 11 Iona

ST. PETER'S (1–9)
Jersey City, NJ
S. 2 at St. Francis (PA)
S. 9 at Western Connecticut
S. 16 at Monmouth
S. 23 at Wagner
S. 30 Central Conn. State
O. 14 Duquesne
O. 19 Salisbury
O. 28 at Marist
N. 4 at Iona
N. 9 La Salle

MEAC

BETHUNE-COOKMAN (7–4)
Daytona Beach, FL
S. 2 #Southern
S. 9 Savannah State
S. 16 at South Carolina State
S. 23 Norfolk State
S. 30 at Morgan State
O. 7 Delaware State
O. 14 Winston-Salem State
O. 28 North Carolina A&T
N. 4 at Hampton
N. 11 Howard
N. 18 %Florida A&M
#Jacksonville, FL
%Orlando, FL

DELAWARE STATE (7–4)
Dover, DE
S. 2 #Florida A&M
S. 9 St. Francis (PA)
S. 16 at Northwestern State
S. 30 Hampton
O. 7 at Bethune-Cookman
O. 14 North Carolina A&T
O. 21 at Morgan State
O. 28 South Carolina State
N. 4 Concord
N. 11 at Norfolk State
N. 18 at Howard
#Detroit, MI

FLORIDA A&M (6–5)
Tallahassee, FL
S. 2 #Delaware State
S. 9 at Miami
S. 16 at Howard
S. 23 Winston-Salem State
S. 30 %Tennessee State
O. 14 South Carolina State
O. 21 at Norfolk State
O. 28 Morgan State
N. 4 at North Carolina A&T
N. 11 Hampton
N. 18 &Bethune-Cookman
#Detroit, MI
%Atlanta, GA
&Orlando, FL

HAMPTON (11–1)
Hampton, VA
S. 2 #Grambling
S. 9 Howard
S. 16 North Carolina A&T
S. 23 %Morgan State
S. 30 at Delaware State
O. 7 Central State
O. 14 Norfolk State
O. 21 at South Carolina State
O. 28 Winston-Salem State
N. 4 Bethune-Cookman
N. 11 at Florida A&M
#Birmingham, AL
%East Rutherford, NJ

HOWARD (4–7)
Washington, DC
S. 9 at Hampton
S. 16 Florida A&M
S. 23 at Rutgers
S. 30 Savannah State
O. 7 at Winston-Salem State
O. 14 Morgan State
O. 21 at North Carolina A&T
O. 28 Norfolk State
N. 4 at South Carolina State
N. 11 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 18 Delaware State

MORGAN STATE (2–9)
Baltimore, MD
S. 2 Towson
S. 16 Bowie State
S. 23 #Hampton
S. 30 Bethune-Cookman
O. 7 North Carolina A&T
O. 14 at Howard
O. 21 Delaware State
O. 28 at Florida A&M
N. 4 at Norfolk State
N. 11 South Carolina State
#East Rutherford, NJ

NORTH CAROLINA A&T (3–8)
Greensboro, NC
S. 2 Winston-Salem State
S. 16 at Hampton
S. 30 at Norfolk State
O. 7 Morgan State
O. 14 at Delaware State
O. 21 Howard
O. 28 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 4 Florida A&M
N. 11 Elon
N. 18 South Carolina State

NORFOLK STATE (4–7)
Norfolk, VA
S. 2 Virginia State
S. 9 VMI
S. 23 at Bethune-Cookman
O. 30 North Carolina A&T
O. 7 at South Carolina State
O. 14 at Hampton
O. 21 Florida A&M
O. 28 at Howard
N. 4 Morgan State
N. 11 Delaware State
N. 18 Winston-Salem State

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (9–2)
Orangeburg, SC
S. 2 at Wofford
S. 9 at Winston-Salem State
S. 16 Bethune-Cookman
S. 23 at Coastal Carolina
O. 7 Norfolk State
O. 14 at Florida A&M
O. 21 Hampton
O. 28 at Delaware State
N. 4 Howard
N. 11 at Morgan State
N. 18 at North Carolina A&T

NORTHEAST

ALBANY (5–6)
Albany, NY
S. 2 at Lehigh
S. 9 Fordham
S. 16 at Delaware
S. 23 Central Conn. State
S. 30 at Cornell
O. 7 at Stony Brook
O. 14 at Sacred Heart
O. 21 St. Francis (PA)
O. 28 Wagner
N. 4 at Robert Morris
N. 11 Monmouth

CENTRAL CONN. STATE (7–4)
New Britain, CT
S. 2 Marist
S. 9 at Georgia Southern
S. 15 at Southern Connecticut
S. 23 at Albany
S. 30 at St. Peter's
O. 7 St. Francis (PA)
O. 14 at Robert Morris
O. 21 Wagner
O. 28 at Monmouth
N. 4 at Sacred Heart
N. 11 Stony Brook

MONMOUTH (6–4)
W. Long Branch, NJ
S. 2 at Fordham
S. 9 LaSalle
S. 16 St. Peter's
S. 23 at Colgate
S. 30 Stony Brook
O. 7 Sacred Heart
O. 14 at Wagner
O. 21 at Robert Morris
O. 28 Central Conn. State
N. 4 St. Francis (PA)
N. 11 at Albany

ROBERT MORRIS (2–8)
Moon Township, PA
S. 2 at Dayton
S. 9 Duquesne
S. 16 at Butler
S. 23 Rowan
S. 30 at St. Francis (PA)
O. 7 at Wagner
O. 14 Central Conn. State
O. 21 Monmouth
O. 28 at Stony Brook
N. 4 Albany
N. 11 at Sacred Heart

SACRED HEART (4–6)
Fairfield, CT
S. 2 Lafayette
S. 9 at Marist
S. 16 Iona
S. 23 at Duquesne
S. 30 Wagner
O. 7 at Monmouth
O. 14 Albany
O. 21 at Stony Brook
O. 28 at St. Francis (NY)
N. 4 Central Conn. State
N. 11 Robert Morris

ST. FRANCIS (PA) (3–8)
Loretto, PA
S. 2 St. Peter's
S. 9 at Delaware State
S. 16 at Duquesne
S. 23 La Salle
S. 30 Robert Morris
O. 7 at Central Conn. State
O. 14 Stony Brook
O. 21 at Albany
O. 28 Sacred Heart
N. 4 at Monmouth
N. 11 Wagner

STONY BROOK (6–5)
Stony Brook, NY
A. 31 Hofstra
S. 9 at Georgetown
S. 16 at New Hampshire
S. 23 at Massachusetts
S. 30 at Monmouth
O. 7 Albany
O. 14 at St. Francis (PA)
O. 21 Sacred Heart
O. 28 Robert Morris
N. 4 at Wagner
N. 11 at Central Conn. State

WAGNER (6–5)
Staten Island, NY
S. 2 at La Salle
S. 9 Iona
S. 16 at Marist
S. 23 St. Peter's
S. 30 at Sacred Heart
O. 7 Robert Morris
O. 14 Monmouth
O. 21 at Central Conn. State
O. 28 at Albany
N. 4 Stony Brook
N. 11 at St. Francis (PA)

OHIO VALLEY

EASTERN ILLINOIS (9–3)
Charleston, IL
S. 2 at Illinois
S. 9 Indiana State
S. 16 at Illinois State
S. 23 at Samford
S. 30 at Hawaii
O. 7 SE Missouri State
O. 14 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 21 Murray State
O. 28 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 4 Tennessee State
N. 11 at Tennessee Tech
N. 18 Jacksonville State

EASTERN KENTUCKY (7–4)
Richmond, KY
S. 2 at Cincinnati
S. 9 Western Kentucky
S. 16 at Western Carolina
S. 23 at Tennessee Tech
S. 30 Jacksonville State
O. 7 at Samford
O. 14 Eastern Illinois
O. 21 at SE Missouri State
N. 4 Murray State
N. 11 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 18 Tennessee State

JACKSONVILLE STATE (6–5)
Jacksonville, AL
S. 2 at Furman
S. 16 SE Missouri State
S. 23 at Tennessee-Martin
S. 30 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 5 Murray State
O. 14 at Mississippi State
O. 21 Tennessee State
O. 26 at Tennessee Tech
N. 4 at Chattanooga
N. 11 Samford
N. 18 at Eastern Illinois

MURRAY STATE (2–9)
Murray, KY
S. 2 at Missouri
S. 9 at Tennessee State
S. 16 at Indiana State
S. 23 Illinois State
S. 30 Tennessee Tech
O. 5 at Jacksonville State
O. 14 Samford
O. 21 at Eastern Illinois
O. 28 SE Missouri State
N. 4 at Eastern Kentucky
N. 18 Tennessee-Martin

SAMFORD (5–6)
Birmingham, AL
A. 31 Miles College
S. 9 at Georgia Tech
S. 14 Austin Peay
S. 23 Eastern Illinois
S. 30 at SE Missouri State
O. 7 Eastern Kentucky
O. 14 at Murray State
O. 21 Tennessee-Martin
O. 28 at Tennessee State
N. 4 Tennessee Tech
N. 11 at Jacksonville State

SE MISSOURI STATE (2–9)
Cape Girardeau, MO
S. 2 at Austin Peay
S. 9 Missouri-Rolla
S. 23 at Jacksonville State
S. 30 Samford
O. 7 at Eastern Illinois
O. 14 at Arkansas
O. 21 Eastern Kentucky
O. 28 at Murray State
N. 4 Tennessee-Martin
N. 11 at Tennessee State
N. 18 Tennessee Tech

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (6–5)
Martin, TN
S. 2 at Ohio
S. 7 Urbana
S. 16 Gardner-Webb
S. 23 Jacksonville State
S. 30 at Austin Peay
O. 5 at Tennessee Tech
O. 21 at Samford
O. 28 Eastern Illinois
N. 4 at SE Missouri State
N. 11 Eastern Kentucky
N. 18 at Murray State

TENNESSEE STATE (2–9)
Nashville, TN
S. 2 Alabama A&M
S. 9 Murray State
S. 16 #Jackson State
S. 23 at Vanderbilt
S. 30 %Florida A&M
O. 14 Tennessee Tech
O. 21 at Jacksonville State
O. 28 Samford
N. 4 at Eastern Illinois
N. 11 SE Missouri State
N. 18 at Eastern Kentucky
#Memphis, TN
%Atlanta, GA

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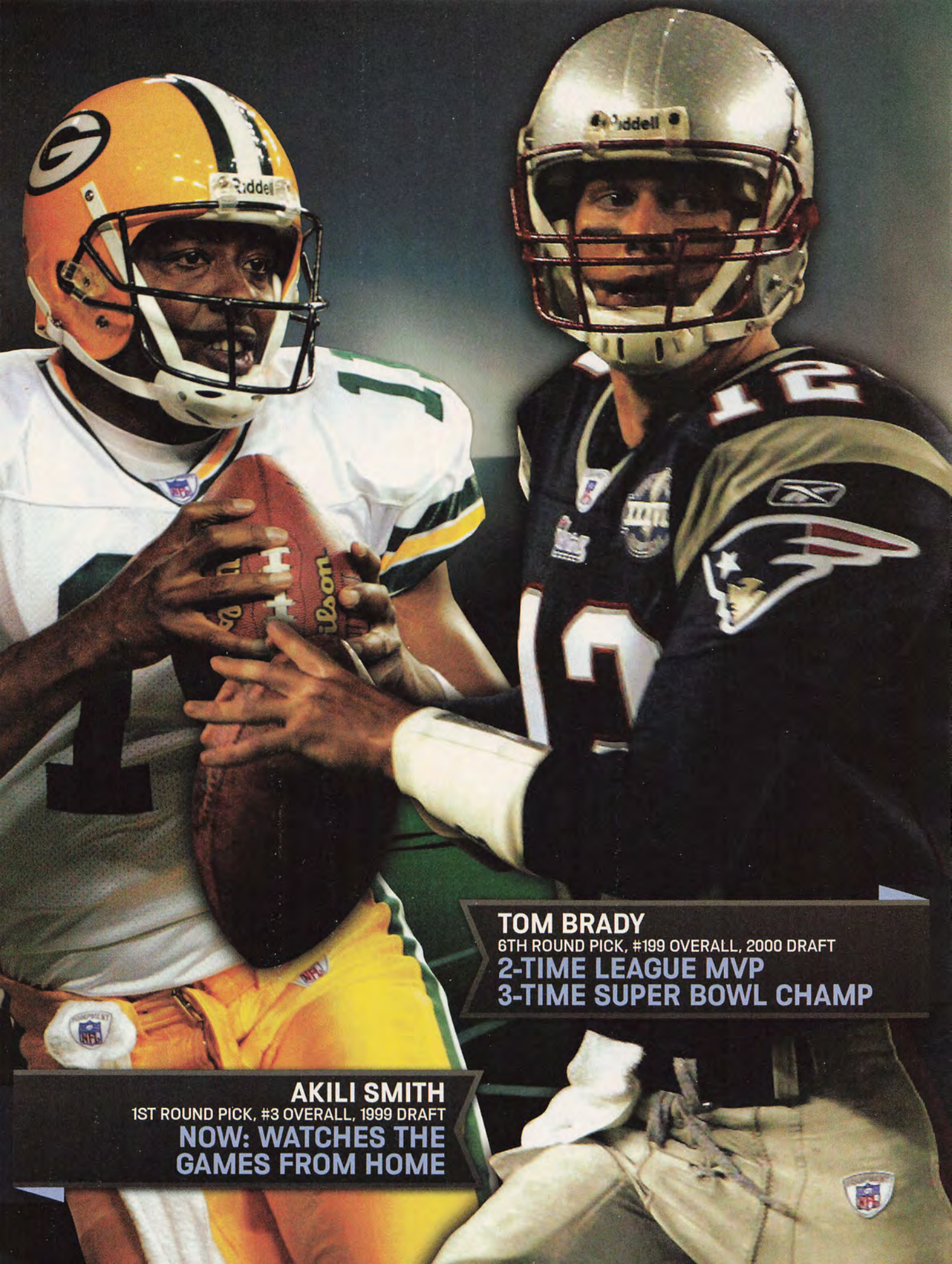
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TENNESSEE TECH (4–7)
Cookeville, TN
A. 31 Chattanooga
S. 9 at Gardner-Webb
S. 14 at Middle Tennessee
S. 23 Eastern Kentucky
S. 30 at Murray State
O. 5 Tennessee-Martin
O. 14 at Tennessee State
O. 26 Jacksonville State
N. 4 at Samford
N. 11 Eastern Illinois
N. 18 at SE Missouri State

PATRIOT

BUCKNELL (1–10)
Lewisburg, PA
S. 2 Duquesne
S. 9 Lafayette
S. 16 Cornell
S. 23 at Richmond
S. 30 at Marist
O. 7 Penn
O. 14 at Georgetown
O. 21 at Lehigh
O. 28 Fordham
N. 4 at Holy Cross
N. 18 Colgate

COLGATE (8–4)
Hamilton, NY
S. 2 at Massachusetts
S. 16 Dartmouth
S. 23 Monmouth
S. 30 Georgetown
O. 7 Princeton
O. 14 at Cornell
O. 21 at Fordham
O. 28 Lafayette
N. 4 at Lehigh
N. 11 Holy Cross
N. 18 at Bucknell

FORDHAM (2–9)
Bronx, NY
S. 2 Monmouth
S. 9 at Albany
S. 16 at Columbia
S. 30 at Holy Cross
O. 7 Duquesne
O. 14 Marist
O. 21 Colgate
O. 28 at Bucknell
N. 4 Lafayette
N. 11 at Lehigh
N. 18 Georgetown

GEORGETOWN (4–7)
Washington, DC
S. 2 Holy Cross
S. 9 Stony Brook
S. 16 at Brown
S. 23 at Columbia
S. 30 at Colgate
O. 7 Lehigh
O. 14 Bucknell
O. 28 at Charleston Southern
N. 4 Marist
N. 11 at Lafayette
N. 18 at Fordham

HOLY CROSS (6–5)
Worchester, MA
S. 2 at Georgetown
S. 9 Northeastern
S. 16 at Harvard
S. 23 at Marist
S. 30 Fordham
O. 7 Brown
O. 14 at Dartmouth
O. 21 at Lafayette
O. 28 Lehigh
N. 4 Bucknell
N. 11 at Colgate

LAFAYETTE (8–4)
Easton, PA
S. 2 at Sacred Heart
S. 9 at Bucknell
S. 16 Penn
S. 23 at Princeton
S. 30 Yale
O. 14 at Harvard
O. 21 Holy Cross
O. 28 at Colgate
N. 4 at Fordham
N. 11 Georgetown
N. 18 Lehigh

LEHIGH (8–3)
Bethlehem, PA
S. 2 Albany
S. 9 at Villanova
S. 16 Princeton
S. 30 Harvard
O. 7 at Georgetown
O. 14 at Yale
O. 21 Bucknell
O. 28 at Holy Cross
N. 4 Colgate
N. 11 Fordham
N. 18 at Lafayette

PIONEER

AUSTIN PEAY (2–9)
Clarksville, TN
S. 2 SE Missouri State
S. 9 at Cumberland
S. 14 at Samford
S. 23 at Dayton
S. 30 Tennessee-Martin
O. 14 at Missouri-Rolla
O. 21 Univ. of the Cumberlands
O. 28 Charleston
N. 4 North Greenville
N. 11 at Morehead State
N. 18 at Western Kentucky

BUTLER (0–11)
Indianapolis, IN
S. 2 at Albion
S. 9 Hanover
S. 16 Robert Morris
S. 23 Jacksonville
S. 30 Dayton
O. 7 at San Diego
O. 14 Drake
O. 21 Valparaiso
O. 28 at Missouri-Rolla
N. 4 Morehead State
N. 11 at Davidson

DAVIDSON (4–6)
Davidson, NC
S. 2 at VMI
S. 9 Wingate
S. 16 at Lenoir-Rhyne
S. 30 San Diego
O. 7 Jacksonville
O. 14 at Morehead State
O. 21 Dayton
O. 28 at Valparaiso
N. 4 at Drake
N. 11 Butler

DAYTON (9–1)
Dayton, OH
S. 2 Robert Morris
S. 9 at Wittenberg
S. 23 Austin Peay
S. 30 at Butler
O. 7 Morehead State
O. 14 at Jacksonville
O. 21 at Davidson
O. 28 Drake
N. 4 Valparaiso
N. 11 at San Diego

DRAKE (6–4)
Des Moines, IA
A. 31 Northern Iowa
S. 9 Upper Iowa
S. 16 Wisconsin-Platteville
S. 23 at Valparaiso
S. 30 Morehead State
O. 7 Waldorf
O. 14 at Butler
O. 21 San Diego
O. 28 at Dayton
N. 4 Davidson
N. 11 at Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE (4–4)
Jacksonville, FL
S. 2 Gardner-Webb
S. 9 Edward Waters
S. 16 at SE Louisiana
S. 23 at Butler
S. 30 at Valparaiso
O. 7 at Davidson
O. 14 Dayton
O. 21 at Morehead State
O. 28 at North Greenville
N. 4 San Diego
N. 11 Drake

MOREHEAD STATE (8–4)
Morehead, KY
A. 31 at Western Illinois
S. 9 at Newberry
S. 16 Valparaiso
S. 23 Missouri-Rolla
S. 30 at Drake
O. 7 at Dayton
O. 14 Davidson
O. 21 Jacksonville
O. 28 at San Diego
N. 4 at Butler
N. 11 Austin Peay

SAN DIEGO (11–1)
San Diego, CA
S. 1 Azusa Pacific
S. 9 Dixie State
S. 16 at Yale
S. 30 at Davidson
O. 7 Butler
O. 14 Valparaiso
O. 21 at Drake
O. 28 Morehead State
N. 4 at Jacksonville
N. 11 Dayton
N. 25 at UC Davis

VALPARAISO (3–8)
Valparaiso, IN
S. 2 at Wisconsin Lutheran
S. 9 Trinity International
S. 16 at Morehead State
S. 23 Drake
S. 30 Jacksonville
O. 7 at St. Joseph's (IN)
O. 14 at San Diego
O. 21 at Butler
O. 28 Davidson
N. 4 at Dayton
N. 11 Aurora

SOUTHERN

APPALACHIAN STATE (12–3)
Boone, NC
S. 2 at NC State
S. 9 James Madison
S. 16 Mars Hill
S. 23 at Gardner-Webb
S. 30 Elon
O. 7 at Chattanooga
O. 14 Wofford
O. 21 at Georgia Southern
O. 28 Furman
N. 4 The Citadel
N. 11 at Western Carolina

CHATTANOOGA (6–5)
Chattanooga, TN
A. 31 at Tennessee Tech
S. 9 at Memphis
S. 16 at Western Kentucky
S. 23 Georgia Southern
S. 30 at The Citadel
O. 7 Appalachian State
O. 14 at Western Carolina
O. 21 at Furman
O. 28 Elon
N. 4 Jacksonville State
N. 11 at Wofford

ELON (3–8)
Elon, NC
S. 2 at Coastal Carolina
S. 9 Towson
S. 16 Presbyterian
S. 30 at Appalachian State
O. 7 Western Carolina
O. 14 at Georgia Southern
O. 21 Wofford
O. 28 at Chattanooga
N. 4 Furman
N. 11 at North Carolina A&T
N. 18 The Citadel

FURMAN (11–3)
Greenville, SC
S. 2 Jacksonville State
S. 9 West Georgia
S. 16 at North Carolina
S. 23 Western Carolina
S. 30 at Wofford
O. 7 at Coastal Carolina
O. 14 The Citadel
O. 21 Chattanooga
O. 28 at Appalachian State
N. 4 at Elon
N. 11 Georgia Southern

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (8–4)
Statesboro, GA
S. 9 Central Conn. State
S. 16 Coastal Carolina
S. 23 at Chattanooga
S. 30 at Western Carolina
O. 7 North Dakota State
O. 14 Elon
O. 21 Appalachian State
O. 28 at The Citadel
N. 4 Wofford
N. 11 at Furman
N. 18 Central Arkansas

THE CITADEL (4–7)
Charleston, SC
S. 2 at Texas A&M
S. 9 Charleston Southern
S. 23 at Pittsburgh
S. 30 Chattanooga
O. 7 at Wofford
O. 14 at Furman
O. 21 Western Carolina
O. 28 Georgia Southern
N. 4 at Appalachian State
N. 11 VMI
N. 18 at Elon

WESTERN CAROLINA (5–4)
Cullowhee, NC
A. 31 Chowan
S. 16 Eastern Kentucky
S. 23 at Furman
S. 30 Georgia Southern
O. 7 at Elon
O. 14 Chattanooga
O. 21 at The Citadel
O. 28 at Wofford
N. 4 at Liberty
N. 11 Appalachian State
N. 18 at Florida

WOFFORD (6–5)
Spartansburg, SC
S. 2 South Carolina State
S. 9 Coastal Carolina
S. 16 at South Carolina
S. 30 Furman
O. 7 The Citadel
O. 14 at Appalachian State
O. 21 at Elon
O. 28 Western Carolina
N. 4 at Georgia Southern
N. 11 Chattanooga
N. 18 at Gardner-Webb

SOUTHLAND

MCNEESE STATE (5–4)
Lake Charles, LA
S. 2 at South Florida
S. 9 West Virginia Tech
S. 16 at UL Lafayette
S. 23 at Toledo
S. 30 South Dakota State
O. 7 Southern Utah
O. 14 Texas State
O. 21 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 28 at Sam Houston State
N. 4 Southeastern
N. 11 at Northwestern State
N. 18 Nicholls State

NICHOLLS STATE (6–4)
Thibodaux, LA
A. 31 Southern Arkansas
S. 9 at Nebraska
S. 16 at Louisiana Tech
S. 23 South Dakota State
O. 7 SE Louisiana
O. 14 at Sam Houston State
O. 21 Northwestern State
O. 28 Assumption College
N. 4 at Texas State
N. 11 Stephen F. Austin
N. 18 at McNeese State

NORTHWESTERN STATE (5–5)
Natchitoches, LA
S. 2 at Kansas
S. 9 at Baylor
S. 16 Delaware State
S. 30 Arkansas-Monticello
O. 7 Sam Houston State
O. 14 at SE Louisiana
O. 21 at Nicholls State
O. 28 Texas State
N. 4 at Ole Miss
N. 11 McNeese State
N. 18 at Stephen F. Austin

SAM HOUSTON STATE (3–7)
Huntsville, TX
S. 9 Arkansas-Monticello
S. 16 at SMU
S. 23 at Missouri State
S. 30 at Texas
O. 7 at Northwestern State
O. 14 Nicholls State
O. 21 Central Arkansas
O. 28 McNeese State
N. 4 at Stephen F. Austin
N. 11 at SE Louisiana
N. 18 Texas State

SE LOUISIANA (4–6)
Hammond, LA
A. 31 at New Mexico State
S. 9 at Southern Miss
S. 16 Jacksonville
S. 23 at Texas Tech
S. 30 Gardner-Webb
O. 7 at Nicholls State
O. 14 Northwestern State
O. 21 at Texas State
O. 28 Stephen F. Austin
N. 4 at McNeese State
N. 11 Sam Houston State

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (5–6)
Nacogdoches, TX
A. 31 at Tulsa
S. 9 Delta State
S. 16 at Arizona
S. 23 Central Arkansas
S. 30 North Dakota State
O. 7 at Texas State
O. 21 McNeese State
O. 28 at SE Louisiana
N. 4 Sam Houston State
N. 11 at Nicholls State
N. 18 Northwestern State

TEXAS STATE (11–3)
San Marcos, TX
S. 2 Tarleton State
S. 9 at Kentucky
S. 16 Northern Colorado
S. 23 at Southern Utah
O. 7 Stephen F. Austin
O. 14 at McNeese State
O. 21 SE Louisiana
O. 28 at Northwestern State
N. 4 Nicholls State
N. 11 Texas Southern
N. 18 at Sam Houston State

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ALABAMA A&M (9–3)
Huntsville, AL
S. 2 at Tennessee State
S. 9 Grambling
S. 16 at Miss. Valley State
S. 23 at Texas Southern
O. 7 Southern
O. 14 Stillman
O. 21 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 28 #Alabama State
N. 4 at Jackson State
N. 11 Alcorn State
N. 18 Prairie View A&M
#Birmingham, AL

ALABAMA STATE (6–5)
Montgomery, AL
S. 2 at Troy
S. 9 Texas Southern
S. 16 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 23 at Alcorn State
S. 30 at Southern
O. 7 #Jackson State
O. 14 at Prairie View A&M
O. 28 %Alabama A&M
N. 4 Grambling
N. 11 Miss. Valley State
N. 23 Tuskegee
#Mobile, AL
%Birmingham, AL

ALCORN STATE (6–5)
Lorman, MS
S. 2 at UL Monroe
S. 9 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 16 at Langston
S. 23 Alabama State
O. 7 at Prairie View A&M
O. 14 Texas Southern
O. 21 Southern
N. 4 at Miss. Valley State
N. 11 at Alabama A&M
N. 18 at Jackson State
D. 2 at Grambling

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF (3–8)
Pine Bluff, AR
S. 2 #Miss. Valley State
S. 9 Alcorn State
S. 16 at Alabama State
S. 23 Southern Illinois
S. 30 %Tuskegee
O. 14 $Grambling
O. 21 Alabama A&M
O. 28 Jackson State
N. 4 !Prairie View
N. 11 at Southern
N. 18 Texas Southern
#Chicago, IL
%St. Louis, MO
$Little Rock, AR
!Houston, TX

GRAMBLING (11–1)
Grambling, LA
S. 2 #Hampton
S. 9 at Alabama A&M
S. 16 at Houston
S. 30 %Prairie View A&M
O. 7 at Miss. Valley State
O. 14 $Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 21 Jackson State
O. 28 at Texas Southern
N. 4 Alabama State
N. 25 &Southern
D. 2 Alcorn State
#Birmingham, AL
%Dallas, TX
$Little Rock, AR
&New Orleans, LA

JACKSON STATE (2–9)
Jackson, MS
S. 2 Paul Quinn
S. 16 #Tennessee State
S. 23 Miss. Valley State
S. 30 at Texas Southern
O. 7 %Alabama State
O. 14 Southern
O. 21 at Grambling
O. 28 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 4 Alabama A&M
N. 11 Prairie View A&M
N. 18 Alcorn State
#Memphis, TN
%Mobile, AL

MISS. VALLEY STATE (6–5)
Itta Bena, MS
S. 2 #Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 9 at Southern University
S. 16 Alabama A&M
S. 23 at Jackson State
S. 30 Concordia College
O. 7 Grambling
O. 14 at North Dakota State
O. 21 at Texas Southern
O. 28 Prairie View A&M
N. 4 Alcorn State
N. 11 at Alabama State
#Chicago, IL

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (5–6)
Prairie View, TX
S. 2 #Texas Southern
S. 9 Edward Waters
S. 16 #Southern
S. 23 Concordia
S. 30 %Grambling
O. 7 Alcorn State
O. 14 Alabama State
O. 28 at Miss. Valley State
N. 4 #Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 11 at Jackson State
N. 18 at Alabama A&M
#Houston, TX
%Dallas, TX

SOUTHERN (4–5)
Baton Rouge, LA
S. 2 Bethune-Cookman
S. 9 Miss. Valley State
S. 16 %Prairie View A&M
S. 23 North Carolina Central
S. 30 Alabama State
O. 7 at Alabama A&M
O. 14 at Jackson State
O. 21 at Alcorn State
N. 4 Texas Southern
N. 11 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 25 #Grambling
%Houston
#New Orleans, LA

TEXAS SOUTHERN (1–10)
Houston, TX
S. 2 #Prairie View A&M
S. 9 at Alabama State
S. 16 at New Mexico State
S. 23 Alabama A&M
S. 30 Jackson State
O. 14 at Alcorn State
O. 21 Miss. Valley State
O. 28 Grambling
N. 4 at Southern
N. 11 at Texas State
N. 18 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
#Reliant Stadium: Houston

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SAVANNAH STATE (0–11)
Savannah, GA
S. 2 at Benedict
S. 9 at Bethune-Cookman
S. 23 Liberty
S. 30 at Howard
O. 7 Charleston Southern
O. 14 #Morehouse
O. 21 Winston-Salem State
O. 28 at Johnson C. Smith
N. 4 at Coastal Carolina
N. 11 Edward Waters
N. 18 at Cal Poly
#Augusta, GA

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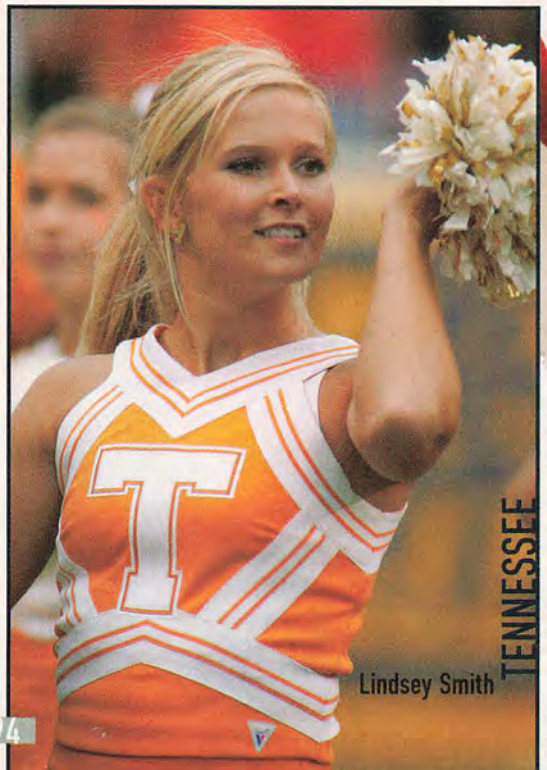

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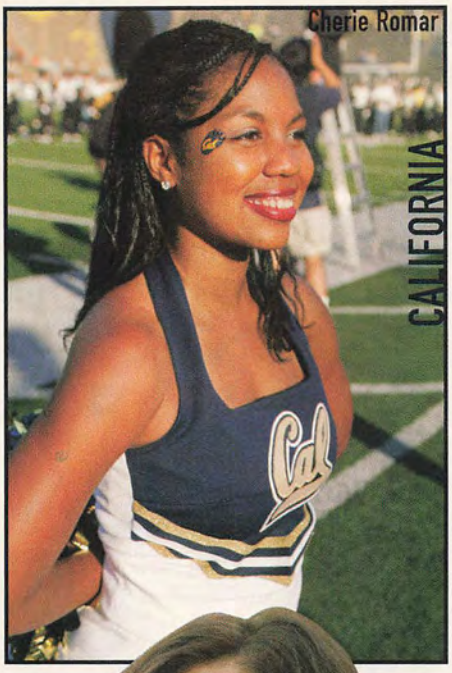

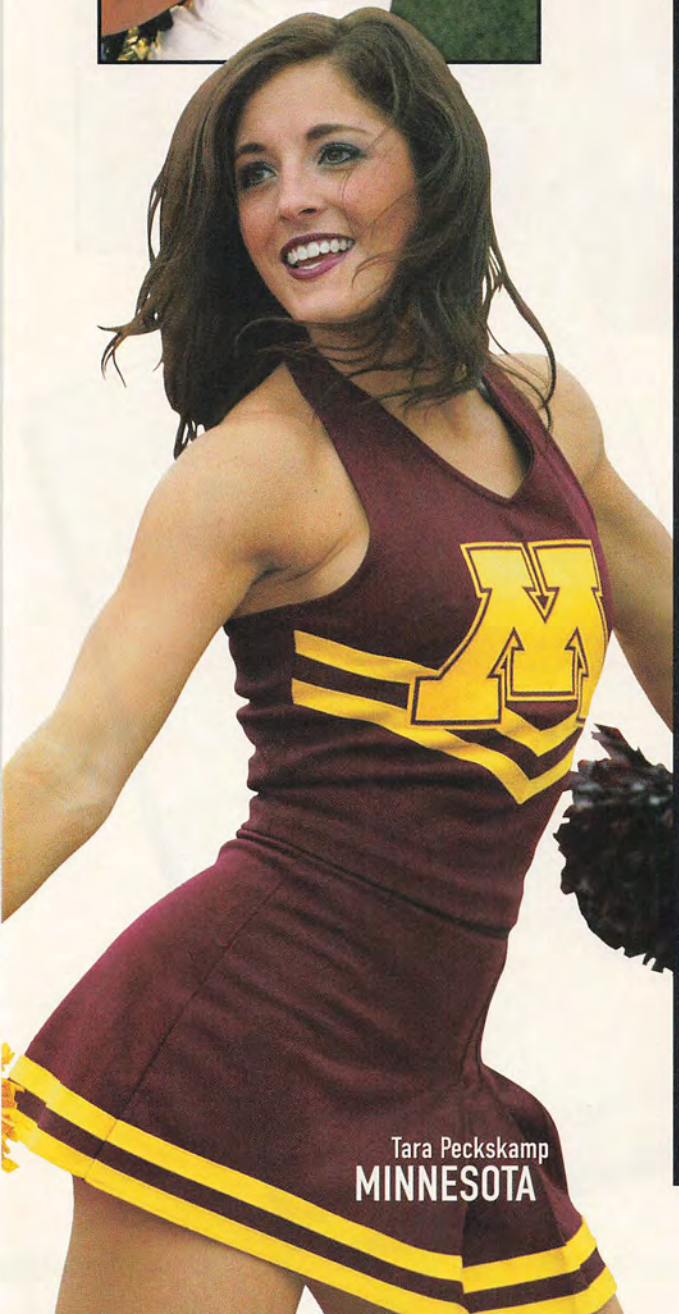

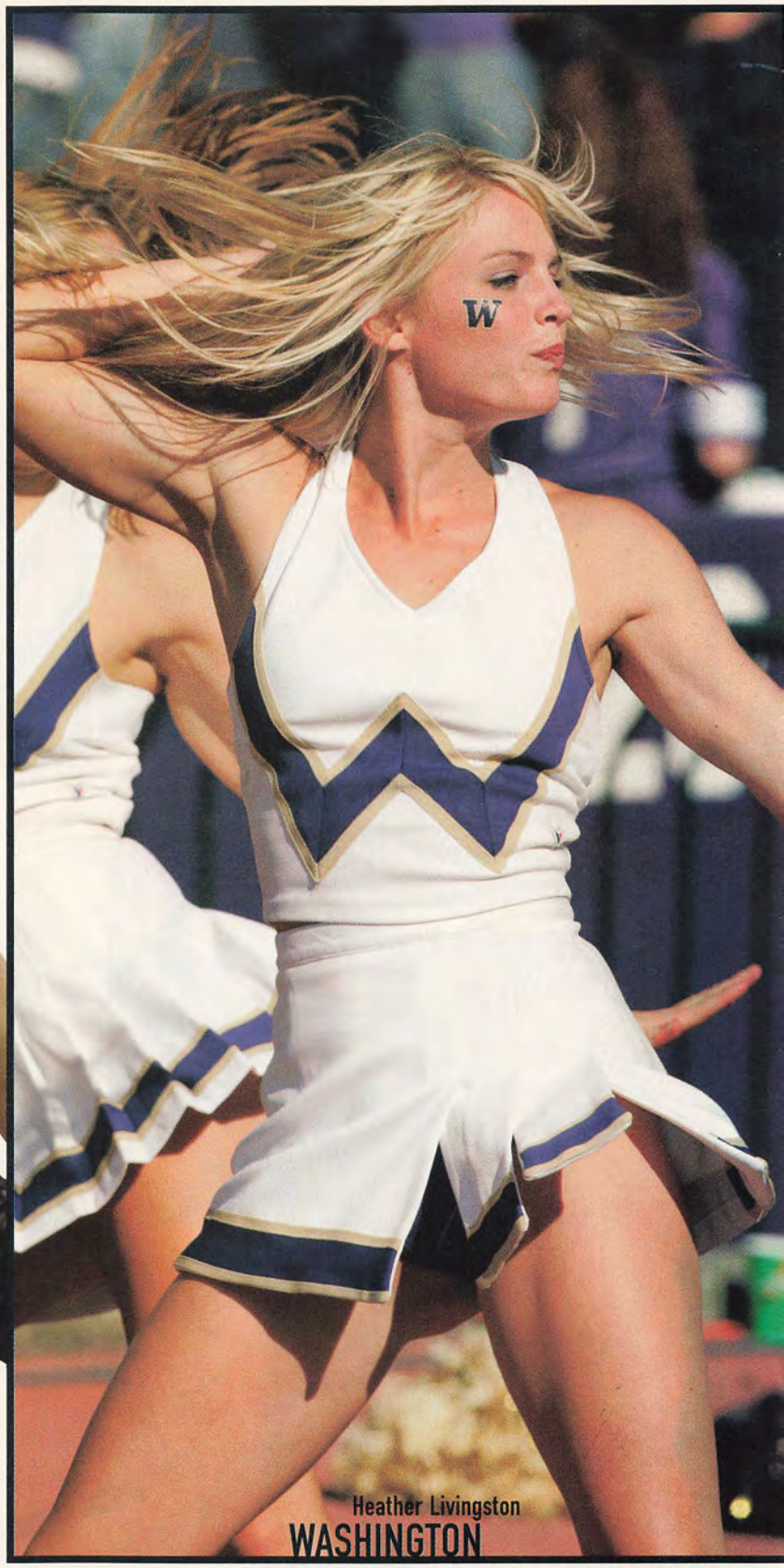

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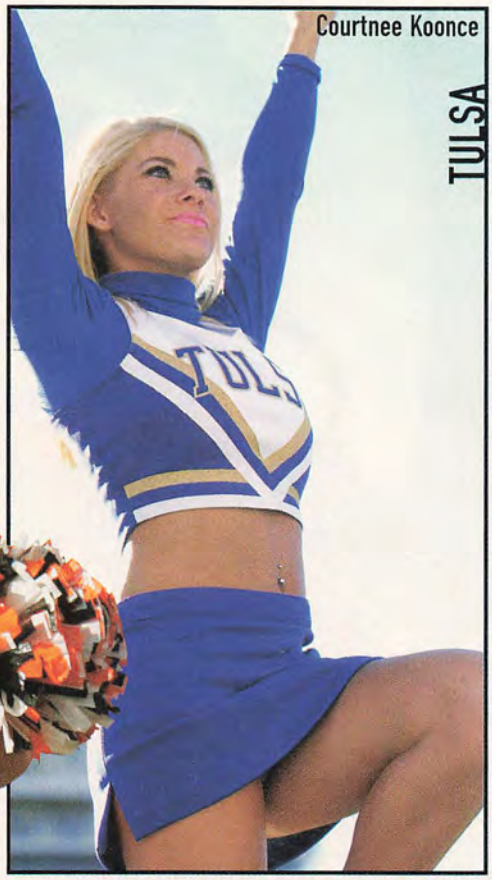

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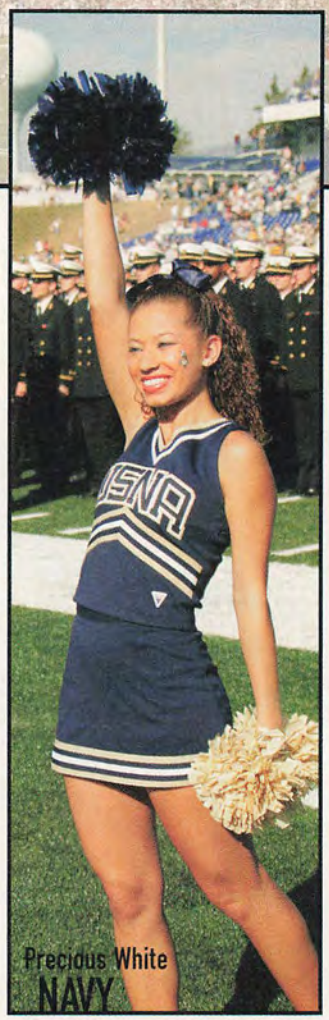

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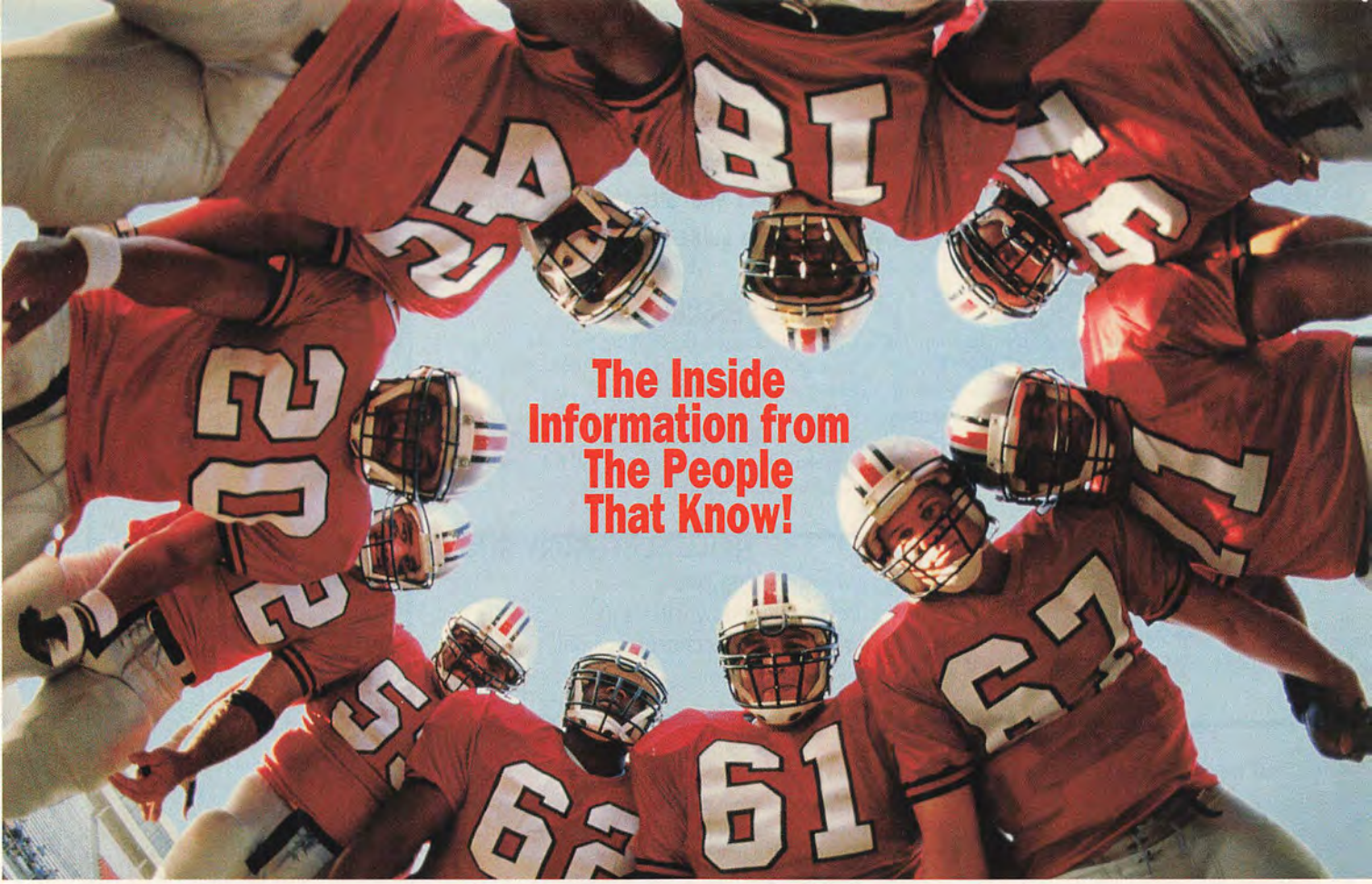

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TAILGATING

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Game Day doesn't start with the kickoff, and it doesn't end with the final horn. The parking lot is the place to be, and here's your one-stop guide to all things tailgating.

GRILLS

There's just all kinds of stuff out there on the Web about grills. Type in "buy a grill" on Google and you'll get thousands of listings. Below are the company sites for the larger grill manufacturers. This is a good place to start, since these sites will have the most details on the specs and styles of grills available.

Now, if what you want is something custom-made and really big, check out www.bbqpits.com. This company from Houston can set you up right.

And remember, you can also check your local hardware stores, Wal-Mart or Lowe's. In fact, www.lowes.com has a feature that allows you to compare grills so you can find the one just right for you.

GRILL SITES

www.freedomgrill.com
www.webergrills.com
www.ducane.com
www.hollandgrill.com
www.thebrinkmancorp.com
www.campchef.com

GRILL ACCESSORIES

You'll need tools for cooking on and cleaning off your grill, and a fine selection of those items can be found at the sites listed below.

Want even your food to be loyal to the team? At www.thegrillstoreandmore.com, you'll find university-specific branding irons for your steaks — an awfully nice touch.

GRILL ACCESSORY SITES

www.cooking.com
www.campingworld.com
www.grillingaccessories.com
www.lowes.com

TENTS

You can find canopy tents at sporting goods stores, your local Home Depot or Lowe's, or Wal-Mart. You might like shopping for tents at these stores because they usually have one or two samples set up, allowing you to get a sense of just how many people you could fit under them.

However, if armchair shopping is your preference, you can check out the websites below to do a little research and shopping. You'll also find more of a selection online than in a local store.

And if you want to add a historical element to your tailgate, the people at www.tentsmiths.com will sell you replicas of Viking tents, World War II officer's tents, teepees, and all sorts of other nifty things.

These items are perfect to help you complete your theme tailgate. You'll be the only one in the parking lot with one, and the envy of all.

TENT SITES

www.elitedeals.com
www.kdkanopy.com
www.championcanopies.com
www.ezupdirect.com

There are a couple of things every tailgater should have before getting started.

One is a membership in the American Tailgaters Association. The ATA is a national organization that promotes tailgating, negotiates discounts on merchandise for members, and allows tailgaters to meet in forums, discuss the best tailgating places, talk about their favorite teams or sports, and post pictures. Basically, it's the one-stop tailgaters' "community." *The Ultimate Tailgater's Handbook* is the official tailgating handbook of the ATA. They have a few membership options, including the basic membership, which is free. You can't beat that.

The other is a Screenserver. This is a new variety of screensaver, one that receives updated images, news, and information all day long. This new entertainment product displays a combination of magazine-quality photography, TV-quality video, and broadcast-quality audio, along with breaking news, statistics, and archives typically found on websites. And you can have it right on your desktop. It's pretty cool. Actually, it's really cool, and it's free.

Log on to theultimatetailgater.com to see if your favorite team has a Screenserver yet and download it. Be sure to check back often, because the folks who create them are adding new teams all the time.

Larry Smith

THE ULTIMATE Tailgater

Tailgating tips provided by Stephen Linn, author of The Ultimate Tailgater's Handbook and the new book *The Ultimate Tailgater's Travel Guide: More Than 20 Great Road Trips* which are the ultimate how-to resources for the tailgater who wants to do it all, have it all, and host the best party in the parking lot. Visit *www.theultimatetailgater.com* for more tailgating ideas, recipes, and how-to videos.

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PARTY DECORATIONS

Basic party decorations can be found almost anywhere. Visit your local grocery store, Wal-Mart, Target, or a local party supply shop. If you prefer to do your shopping online, the sites below are good sources for basic decorations, and each one also has sections that can help you get set up for any theme tailgates.

PARTY ACCESSORY SITES

www.4funparties.com
www.party411.com
www.partysupplyhut.com
www.partysuppliesandfavors.com
www.bulkpartysupplies.com

FOOD

When you want to add some authentic ethnicity to your buffet, you can order food, spices, and condiments from the nice folks at www.ethnicgrocer.com.

THEMES

Luau Theme

www.hilohattie.com
www.islandmadness.com

Fiesta Theme

www.mariachi4U.com
www.partypop.com/categories/mariachi_bands.html

Team-specific piñatas can be found at www.pinatas.com.

Oktoberfest Theme

www.partyoptions.net/octoberfest/octoberfest_decorations.htm
www.germanfoods.org/consumer/oktoberfestexperience.cfm

Halloween Theme

There are some great pumpkin-carving patterns along with instructions on how to make patterns of your own at www.jack-o-lantern.com.

Of course, almost all cities have stores that sell costumes, props, and other Halloween gear, but if you want to order online and have these shipped to you, a good place to start is www.halloweenmagazine.com. Here you'll find costumes and music, and you can even catch up on what's new with Elvira (remember her?).

Shelly Castellano

THE BAR

Your best bet for barware and accessories is going to be plastic (they don't easily break) and cheap (they will get lost). A number of stores from chains like Crate and Barrel and Pier 1 to local grocery stores and Wal-Mart will have plenty to choose from.

For team-specific drinkware and bar items, try the sites listed in the General Tailgating listing below.

For the ultimate tailgater who wants to take a full bar along to the game, you may want to visit this website: www. ajmadison.com/cgi-bin/ajmadison/3BCSSS.html. It's really expensive, but really cool. (You can also find it at other retailers.)

FIREBALL BRATS

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GENERAL TAILGATING FUN

There are a number of tailgating supply sites on the Internet. The ones below have some of the widest selections, and you'll be able to find everything from tables and coolers to blenders and banners.

TEAM GEAR SITES

www.footballfanatics.com
www.collegegear.com
www.teamstore.com
www.MVP.com

TAILGATING GEAR SITES

www.tailgatetown.com
www.tailgatingsupplies.com
www.americantailgater.com
www.tailgatepartyshop.com
www.mytailgate.com
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TAILGATING RECIPES

FIREBALL BRATS

A recipe from the kitchen at Johnsonville®

»Prep: 10 min. »Cook: 25 min.
» 1/2 cup diced onion
» 1/3 cup diced sweet red pepper
» 1/3 cup diced green pepper
» 1-1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
» 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
» 1/2 teaspoon chili oil
» 1 cup barbecue sauce
» 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
» 1/4 teaspoon pepper
» 1 package (19.76 ounces) Johnsonville® Original Fresh Bratwurst
» 5 hoagie or bratwurst buns, split
» 2-3 jalapeno peppers, sliced

In a skillet, saute the onion, red and green pepper and garlic in oil for 3-5 minutes or until tender. Add the barbecue sauce, cayenne and black pepper; heat through. Set aside and keep warm. Grill brats according to package directions. Spoon ? cup sauce onto each bun. Top with a brat and jalapeno slices. **5 servings**

Tip: Try substituting a wrap, pita bread or flat bread for the hoagie bun.

ASIAN BROCCOLLI SLAW & BRATS

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»Prep: 15 min. »Cook: 25 min.
»1 package (16 ounces) broccoli coleslaw
»1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion
»1/4 cup olive oil
»1/4 cup rice vinegar
»1/4 cup cider vinegar
»2 tablespoons sugar
»2 tablespoons soy sauce
»2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted
»1/2 teaspoon minced peeled fresh gingerroot
»1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
»1 package (19.76 ounces) Johnsonville® Original Fresh Bratwurst
»5 hoagie or bratwurst buns, split

In a bowl, combine broccoli coleslaw and green onions. In another bowl, whisk together the oil, rice vinegar, cider vinegar, sugar, soy sauce, sesame seeds, ginger and garlic. Pour over broccoli coleslaw mixture; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until serving.
Cook brats according to package directions; place on buns. Using a slotted spoon, top with coleslaw.
5 servings

Tips: » Broccoli slaw tastes even better when prepared the day before and refrigerated.
» Serve extra coleslaw as a side salad.
» Fresh gingerroot can be peeled with a spoon.

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TAILGATING RECIPES

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JOE'S JAMBALAYA

» 1½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
» Salt
» Ground black pepper
» ¼ cup vegetable oil
» 1½ pounds sausage cut in ¼-inch pieces
» 4 cups chopped onion
» 2 cups chopped celery
» 2 cups chopped green bell pepper
» 1 tablespoon minced garlic
» 5 cups chicken stock or water flavored with chicken bouillon
» 2 tablespoons seasoned salt
» 2 tablespoons Kitchen Bouquet (browning agent)
» 4 cups long grain rice
» 2 cups chopped green onions

Season the chicken with the salt and pepper. Brown the chicken in the hot oil in a large Dutch oven or stockpot over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and cook 5 to 7 minutes. Remove the chicken and the sausage from the pan. Add the onions, celery, green peppers, and garlic to the pan. Cook, stirring, for 7 to 10 minutes, or until the vegetables begin to soften. Stir in the chicken stock, the cooked chicken and sausage, the seasoned salt, and Kitchen Bouquet. Bring the contents to a boil. Add the rice and return to a boil. Cover the pot and reduce the heat to simmer. Cook for 10 minutes. Remove the cover and quickly turn the rice from top to bottom. Replace the cover and cook for 15 to 20 minutes more, or until the liquid is absorbed and the rice is tender. Stir in the green onions.

If using an electric stove, reduce cooking time by 3 to 4 minutes. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

BARBECUED RIBS

» 10 pounds pork or beef ribs
» Salt and Pepper
» Garlic powder
» Creole seasoning
» 1 cup Worcestershire sauce
» 1 (12-ounce) can 7-Up or beer
» Favorite barbecue sauce
» Wood chips of your choice (hickory or pecan are good options)

On the day before cooking, place the ribs in a deep aluminum tray. Season to taste with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and Creole seasoning. Add the Worcestershire sauce to the tray. Add enough 7-Up or beer to almost cover the ribs. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

On game day light the fire and allow it to die down a bit. Move the coals to one end of the grill, and then place the ribs on the opposite end. Shut the lid of the grill and allow the ribs to cook 4 to 6 hours. During cooking, turn the ribs several times and baste with the barbecue sauce. This will seal in the flavor. Wood chips can be added to the fire anytime during cooking. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

STEAK AND MUSHROOM SANDWICH

» 1 pound beef round tip steak or sirloin tip steak, thinly sliced
» Salt and pepper
» ½ plus ½ teaspoon dried thyme
» 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
» 2 cloves garlic, minced
» ½ pound sliced white mushrooms
» ¼ cup dry red wine
» ½ cup prepared beef gravy
» ½ loaf French bread, split and toasted

Sprinkle the meat with the salt and pepper to taste and ½ teaspoon thyme. Sauté the meat (using half the oil) until browned and medium rare, about 30 to 45 seconds per side. Cook the meat in batches and do not overcrowd the pan — this will ensure that the meat fries rather than steams.

In a large nonstick skillet heat the remaining oil over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring until tender, about 3 to 5 minutes. Pour in the wine and bring to a boil for 1 minute. Season the mushrooms with salt and pepper to taste and the remaining ½ teaspoon thyme. Add the prepared gravy and stir until the mixture is heated.

Arrange the meat on top of the toasted French bread and top it with the mushroom sauce. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

GRILLED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS WITH BLUE CHEESE

» 8 portobello mushrooms, about 4 inches in diameter
» ½ cup vegetable oil
» Chopped fresh herbs of your choice (suggestions: thyme, basil, oregano, or chives)
» ⅓ to ½ cup crumbled blue cheese

Remove the stems from the mushrooms and, if desired, scoop out the gills with a small spoon to make more room for the cheese. Clean the mushrooms and lightly brush both sides with the oil.

Place the mushrooms cap side down on the grill. Cook over medium-high heat 2 to 3 minutes. Turn the caps over, sprinkle with the herbs and cheese to taste, and cook 2 to 3 minutes more, or until the mushrooms are tender and the cheese has partially melted. Serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

HOT BUTTERED RUM

» 4 ounces dark rum
» 1 tablespoon butter plus 1 teaspoon for topping
» 1 teaspoon light brown sugar
» Nutmeg
» Powdered cloves
» Boiling water
» Cinnamon sticks

In a large mug combine the rum, 1 tablespoon butter, brown sugar, and a pinch each of the nutmeg and cloves. Add the boiling water to fill the mug, and stir the contents until the sugar has dissolved. Pour into two serving mugs.

Garnish with a cinnamon stick and top with the remaining 1 teaspoon butter. Makes 2 servings.

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

POTION PUNCH

» 3 (12-ounce) containers frozen apple juice
» 9 cups water
» ½ cup lime juice
» ½ gallon softened lime sherbet
» 9 cups chilled club soda

Prior to leaving for the stadium, combine the apple juice, water, and lime juice. Cover and chill. Just before serving, spoon the lime sherbet into a large punch bowl. Slowly pour the apple juice mixture and club soda over the top and stir gently.

To create a potion-like fog on top of the punch, add a small amount of dry ice directly to the bowl. Most grocery stores sell dry ice. Makes 24 servings.

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Johnson, Rudi Bengals	$29

BASKETBALL 8 x 10

Abdul-Jabar, Kareem Lakers 16x20	$139
Anizo, Paul	$ 22
Bird, Larry Celtics 16x20	$129
Carter, Vince Nets/UNC 16x20	$129
Cousey, Bob Celtics 16x20	$ 99
Frazier, Walt (N.Y.) M.M.	$ 29
Gervin, George "Iceman" S.S.	$ 35
Hardaway, A. (Magic/FLIDA (Athlon)	$ 49
Hayes, Chuck (Kentucky) A.A.	$ 25
Iguodala, Andre 76ers	$ 29
Johnson, Magic 16x20 A.S.L.	$139
Kemp, S. (Sea) (F) UDA (Athlon)	$ 49
Livingston, Shawn Clippers	$ 19
Maggette, Corey Clippers	$ 25
Magic/Kareem Dual Sig, 16x20	$399
Menzer, Ron (Ky) Athlon	$ 15
Myles, Ellis Louisville	$ 25
O'Bannon, Larry Louisville	$ 25
Okafor, Emeka U.Conn 16x20	$ 89
Robertson, Oscar Bucks HOF	$ 69
Thurmond, Nate Warriors HOF	$ 25
Walton, Bill Celtics 16x20	$ 69

BASKETBALLS

Abdur-Rahim, S I/O S.B.	$ 59
Anthony, Carmello I/O	$ 399
Bird, Larry O.S.S.	$ 249
Camby, Marcus I/O	$ 99
Carter, Vince I/O S.S.	$ 329
Cousey, Bob I/O	$ 199
Drexler, Clyde I/O S.B.	$ 99
Erving, Julius I/O RDM	$ 329
Erving, Julius Dr. J OFC ABA	$ 369
Frazier, Walt I/O S.S.	$ 149
Havlicek, John I/O w/HOF	$ 199
Iverson, A. Aboul I/O GTSM	$ 299
James, LeBron OFC UDA	$ 599
Johnson, Magic I/O ASL	$ 329
Kidd, Jason I/O S.S.	$1,499
McGrady, Tracy I/O	$ 199
O'Neal, Shaq MM	$ 299
Pippen, Scottie I/O	$ 399
Robertson, Oscar I/O	$ 249
Rose, Derrick Oscar I/O	$ 59
Smith, Joe S.B. I/O	$ 59
Thomas, Isiah I/O	$ 189

BASEBALLS & 8 x 10 PHOTOS

Players	8x10	Baseball	Players	8x10	Baseball
Aaron, Hank S.S.	–	$ 229	Mays, Willie M.HOLO	–	$ 229
Arroyo, Bronson Red Sox	$ 15	–	McLain, Denny "31-6"	$ 17	$ 39
Bahnsen, Stan NYY	$ 15	$ 39	Molitor, Paul	–	$ 99
Banks, Ernie MLB	$ 59	$ 119	Mondesi, Raul A.S.I.	–	$ 45
Bauer, Hank S.S.	$ 12	$ 39	Morgan, Joe S.S.	–	$ 79
Bench, J. HOF GTSM	–	$ 99	Mulder, Mark T.S.P.	–	$ 39
Berra, Yogi MLB	–	$ 99	Murphy, Dale	–	$ 69
Blue, Vida 71 MVP	$ 19	$ 39	Musial, Stan S.MU.	$ 69	$ 109
Boggs, Wade	–	$ 109	Myers, Brett A.S.I.	$ 17	$ 45
Bonds, Barry B.HOLO	–	$ 449	Nettles, Graig NYY	–	$ 19
Boyer, Cletr S.S.	$ 15	$ 39	Newcombe, Don '56 CY	$ 19	$ 45
Branca/Thompson w/ INSC	–	$ 89	Nieko, P

Sometimes Charlie Weis is about as subtle as a hammer to the head. The sign that hangs from the rafters of the weight room in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex on the campus of Notre Dame is a perfect example. It reads: "9–3 Is Not Good Enough!"

"The No. 1 objective of this football team is to raise their own expectations," says Weis, now in his second season amidst the transformation of Notre Dame back into a national power.

"Last year the football team just didn't know whether they were going to be any good or not. I'm hoping that they're not satisfied with the season they had last year. I know that I'm not satisfied."

Weis did more than improve a 6–6 squad to 9–3, including a trip to the Fiesta Bowl. He transformed the way his squad thought and, more important, produced.

The greatest difference came on the offensive side of the ball — Weis' specialty — where the Irish went from 81st in the country in total offense to 10th. Led by quarterback Brady Quinn, the Irish became a threat to score at any time. They are a greater threat in 2006 with Quinn, a leading Heisman Trophy candidate, and seven other returning starters on offense.

Concerns remain on the defensive side of the ball, where the Irish must replace veteran leaders Brandon Hoyte and Corey Mays at linebacker. But whereas last year's team thought it could be good, this year's version knows it can and should be great.

"We have a better idea of the personality of our team," Weis says. "There are things that we didn't do very well that we're going to do better. We're just going to fix them. At least now we have a pretty good idea of what we can and cannot do, and that allows you to take your game to another level."

That level could be a legitimate quest for a national title.

Quarterbacks Quinn enters the 2006 season as arguably the leading candidate to claim the Heisman Trophy. Quinn quickly went from nondescript quarterback to a Heisman frontrunner in Weis' multi-pronged attack, obliterating Irish single-season records, throwing for 3,919 yards and 32 touchdown passes last season.

"It's only logical that (Quinn) would be a (Heisman) candidate," Weis says. "What I say to him is just go win as many games as you can and the accolades will follow."

Weis' greatest challenge at quarterback is finding a legitimate heir apparent to Quinn. David Wolke and Evan Sharpley are devoid of playing experience. True freshmen Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer are considered immediate candidates for the backup job.

Running Backs Junior Darius Walker played his best football at the end of the season, even though he opened the 2005 campaign with four straight 100-yard performances. His seven 100-yard efforts — including 186 yards on 35 carries against Stanford — highlighted a 1,196-yard season.

Weis will look for ways to incorporate senior Travis Thomas (248 yards in '05). Freshman James Aldridge, who enrolled in the spring, has a chance to contribute. Fellow rookies Munir Prince and Luke Schmidt add different dimensions to the backfield.

Sophomore fullback Asaph Schwapp was on the field more than any other rookie last year and had 27 carries for 67 yards.

NUMBERS GAME

8 The Fighting Irish have lost eight consecutive bowl games.

Receivers The Irish lost a weapon in wideout Maurice Stovall (69 receptions, 1,149 yards, 11 TDs) but regained another in veteran Rhema McKnight, who joins All-American Jeff Samardzija (77, 1,249, 15) to form another dynamic wideout duo.

McKnight suffered a season-ending knee injury in the second game of the season against Michigan. His return stabilizes the receiving corps. He led the Irish in receptions in 2003 (47) and 2004 (42).

Samardzija was brilliant as a junior, scoring touchdowns in the first eight games of '05 and 10 out of 12 on the season. His 1,249 yards set a Notre Dame single-season record. His 77 receptions tied him with former Irish great Tom Gatewood (1970).

Sophomores David Grimes and D.J. Hord figure to be in the mix.

The Irish must replace well-rounded tight end Anthony Fasano but appear to have capable candidates in senior John Carlson and fifth-year senior Marcus Freeman, a favorite of Weis' in the spring. Konrad Reuland is one of the more highly touted players in the freshman class.

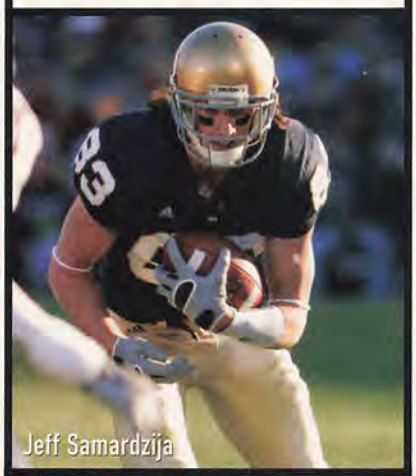
Offensive Linemen Notre Dame returns four of the six offensive linemen who played on a regular basis in '05. Gone are mainstays Dan Stevenson and Mark LeVoir, who formed the right side of the line. Left tackle Ryan Harris, guard/center Bobby Morton, guard Dan Santucci and center John Sullivan return to anchor what should be a very capable offensive front.

Fifth-year senior Brian Mattes will have the first crack at one of the vacated slots on the right side. Inexperienced sophomores Paul Duncan and Michael Turkovich are needed for depth purposes.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE IRISH

Notre Dame averaged 36.7 points per game in 2005 — the most since averaging 37.0 points in 1996. But look for the Irish to be equally dangerous with the football this season. Quarterback Brady Quinn is a leading Heisman Trophy candidate, and despite the loss of receiving weapons Maurice Stovall and Anthony Fasano, there should be more than enough targets with senior All-America wideout Jeff Samardzija and the return of fifth-year split end Rhema McKnight, who suffered a season-ending knee injury last September. Most of the questions remain on defense where the Irish are searching for capable replacements for linebackers Brandon Hoyte and Corey Mays. The emphasis in the spring by the defensive line was the pass rush, with end Victor Abiamiri and tackles Derek Landri and Trevor Laws boasting plenty of experience. The secondary, though intact from 2005, will remain a question mark until the Ohio State scorching in the Fiesta Bowl is considered a pattern from the past. An overlooked loss from the 2005 season is kicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick. His replacements, kicker Carl Gioia and punter Geoff Price, have big shoes to fill.

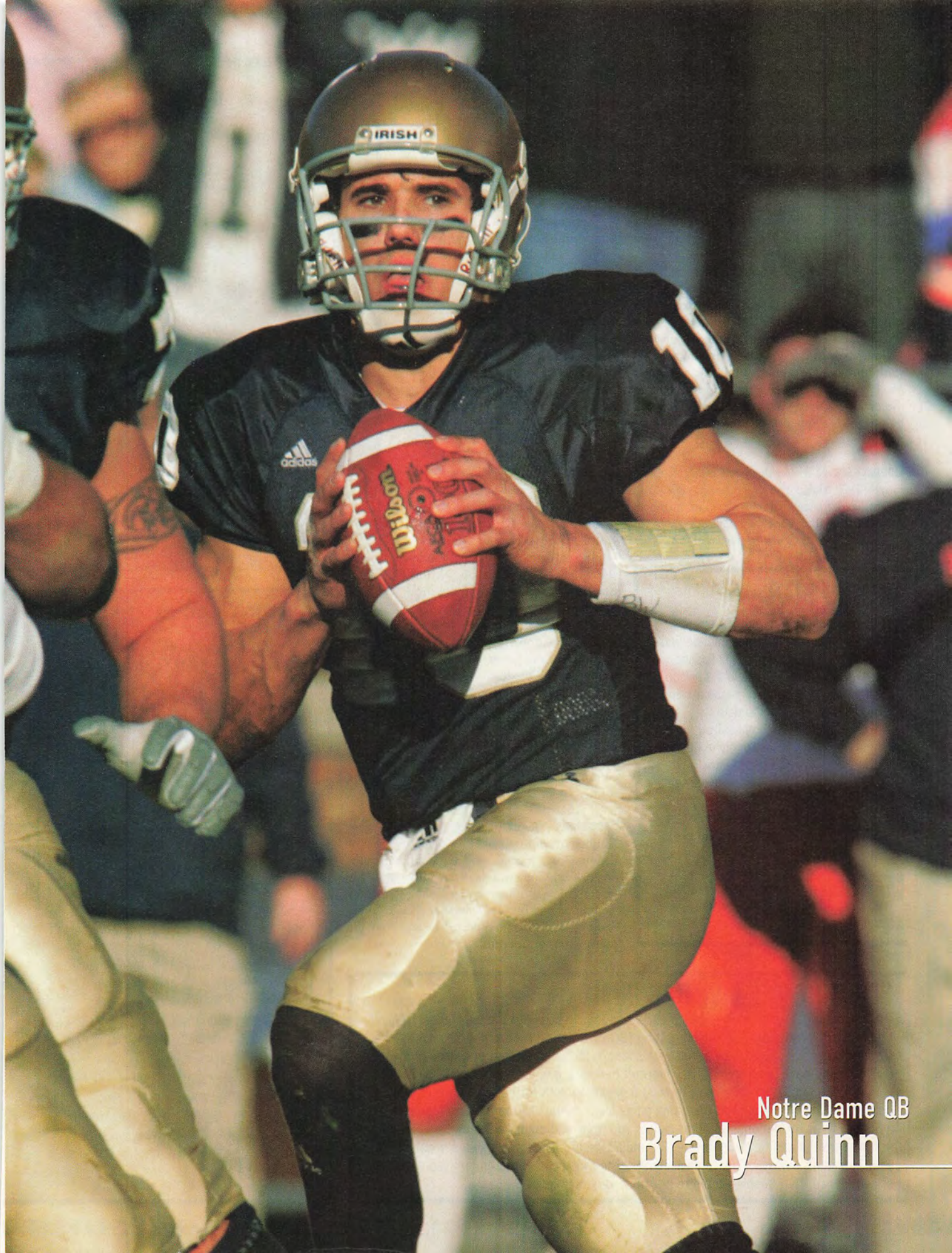

Jeff Samardzija

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	at Georgia Tech	W
S.	9	Penn State	W
S.	**16**	**Michigan**	*
S.	23	at Michigan State	W
S	30	Purdue	W
O.	7	Stanford	W
O.	21	UCLA	W
O.	28	#Navy	W
N.	4	North Carolina	W
N.	11	at Air Force	W
N.	18	Army	W
N.	**25**	**at USC**	*
		#Baltimore, MD	

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Quinn: John Grieshop; Samardzija: John Grieshop



Notre Dame QB

Brady Quinn

Six freshmen arrive this fall to fill out the depth chart, including prep All-America tackle Sam Young. Rookie Chris Stewart enrolled in the spring and participated in spring drills to get a jump on the competition.

Defensive Linemen Everyone but backup Brian Beidatsch returns on a defensive line that was solid but seldom spectacular in '05. Ends Victor Abiamiri, Chris Frome, Ronald Talley and Justin Brown should be better simply from age and increased experience.

Interior linemen Derek Landri and Trevor Laws boast plenty of experience and talent. They are considered to be a major strength for coordinator Rick Minter's stop-unit.

Depth at defensive tackle is a concern, although Pat Kuntz and Derrell Hand are now sophomores. Freshmen John Ryan, Paddy Mullen and Kallen Wade will add numbers to the defensive front. But the defensive line will be one of the top priorities in the upcoming recruiting class.

Linebackers Without departed veteran leaders Hoyte and Mays, the Irish boast very little playing experience at linebacker. The numbers are there, but the talent may be lacking.

Junior Maurice Crum Jr. started all 12 games and performed admirably (57 tackles, three for a loss) at Apache (outside) linebacker in '05. He may be forced inside to replace Hoyte and/or Mays.

Leading candidates to land a starting spot are seniors Joe Brockington and Mitchell Thomas, and junior Anthony Vernaglia.

Sophomores Steve Quinn, Scott Smith and Kevin Washington show promise. Freshmen Toryan Smith and Morrice Richardson may be forced into action early.

Defensive Backs All four starters return, led by senior Tom Zbikowski, the safety-turned-boxer who is on the undercard of a pay-per-view fight at Madison Square Garden in June. Last season, Zbikowski scored four touchdowns — returning two punts and two interceptions for scores. The hard-hitting enforcer also recorded 71 tackles and five interceptions while serving as the inspirational leader of the Irish secondary.

Senior Mike Richardson has a wealth of experience at cornerback, while senior Ambrose Wooden started all 12 games in '05. Neither, however, has proven to be the lock-down coverage guy the Irish seek.

Junior Leo Ferrine saw plenty of action in nickel formations. Classmate Terrail Lambert may be ready to get into the mix.

Senior Chinedum Ndukwe, who was Quinn's top receiving target in high school, has made the move to safety with mixed results, although he has shown a nose for the football by recovering four fumbles. Sophomores David Bruton and Ray Herring also earned special commendation from their head coach in the spring.

Specialists Replacing D.J. Fitzpatrick, who handled the punting and kicking chores each of the past two seasons, will be a difficult task. Senior Carl Gioia was the frontrunner at kicker in the spring, although senior Bobby Renkes or freshman Ryan Burkhart could challenge Gioia. Senior Geoff Price is expected to take over the punting responsibilities.

Darius Walker

RISING STAR

Fifth-year senior tight end Marcus Freeman was caught in a logjam behind Anthony Fasano and John Carlson, two pass-catching standouts emphasized strongly in Charlie Weis' attack. Fasano bypassed a fifth year of eligibility to enter the pros with Carlson moving up to the No. 1 spot on the depth chart. But it was Freeman who caught Weis' attention in the spring.

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

It's on me You don't have to look far for someone to take the blame for Notre Dame's two-touchdown loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl in which the Irish surrendered a school-record 617 yards. "Any time your team apparently is not ready to go after a long layoff, you really can only blame it on one person," coach Charlie Weis says. "Who else can you blame it on? The (last) game (of the regular season was) Nov. 26. We had until Jan. 2. You've got five weeks to get ready to go and I just didn't feel it was a very good performance..."

Heisman hype Weis doesn't worry much about Brady Quinn becoming too full of himself amidst the distractions of the Heisman Trophy hype. "You won't have to worry about him getting too big a head," says Weis with a devilish grin. "That I can promise you. We'll keep on hammering that nail."

No friend of mine No one will ever accuse Weis of playing favorites. The contenders play; the pretenders sit. "I'm going to play the guys that give us the best chance to win," Weis says. "I don't care who they are. I'm not here to make buddies."

Peter Brouillet

SCOUTING THE FIGHTING IRISH

Opposing coaches size up Notre Dame: "I was impressed with the quarterback play. I think Charlie (Weis) did a good job getting (Brady Quinn) turned around — just a tremendous job....I was concerned with some of the (pick routes) plays run against us that could have been called. They weren't exactly legal, but they don't always get caught or called. Other than that, they do a great job with formations, utilizing the personnel. They'll run a lot of the same plays from various formations. You have to adjust to their formations, and that makes you think and adjust defensively. If you're not prepared, it can be a nightmare. The multitude of formations creates problems if your kids can't adjust....The biggest thing is their kids competed and played with a lot of confidence. That enabled them to play at a very high level."

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2006 NOTRE DAME ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
16 Gillett, Justin	QB	5'11"	175	Jr.	Santa Barbara, CA
17 Gorski, Dan	QB	6'3"	196	So.	Omaha, NE
10 Quinn, Brady	QB	6'4"	231	Sr.	Dublin, OH
13 Sharpley, Evan	QB	6'2"	207	So.	Marshall, MI
14 Wolke, David	QB	6'2"	196	Jr.	Mount Juliet, TN
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
34 Aldridge, James	RB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Crown Point, IN
49 Augustyn, Matt	RB	6'3"	220	Sr.	Chevy Chase, MD
33 Hoskins, Justin	RB	5'10"	186	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
27 Lyons, John	RB	6'1"	205	Sr.	Sioux Falls, SD
35 McConnell, Ashley	RB	6'0"	247	Sr.	Adairsville, GA
44 Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6'0"	250	So.	Hartford, CT
26 Thomas, Travis	RB	6'0"	215	Sr.	Washington, PA
3 Walker, Darius	RB	5'10"	208	Jr.	Lawrenceville, GA
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
23 Anastasio, Chase	WR	6'2"	203	Sr.	Burke, VA
7 Bragg, Darrin	WR	6'1"	192	Jr.	San Jose, CA
37 Cardillo, Craig	WR	6'0"	175	Sr.	Hauppauge, NY
89 Carlson, John	TE	6'6"	254	Sr.	Litchfield, MN
24 Erickson, Brandon	WR	6'0"	178	Jr.	Marlboro, NJ
87 Freeman, Marcus	TE	6'3"	245	Sr.	St. Paul, MN
11 Grimes, David	WR	6'0"	170	So.	Detroit, MI
85 Gritzman, Tim	TE	6'4"	250	Jr.	Lockport, IL
1 Hord, D.J.	WR	6'1"	198	So.	Lee's Summit, MO
5 McKnight, Rhema	WR	6'2"	207	Sr.	Inglewood, CA
38 Possley, Nick	WR	6'1"	183	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
83 Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6'5"	216	Sr.	Valparaiso, IN
86 Talerico, Mike	TE	6'5"	245	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
19 West, George	WR	5'8"	172	Fr.	Spencer, OK
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
64 Chervanick, Dan	OL	6'1"	259	Sr.	Leesport, PA
72 Duncan, Paul	OL	6'7"	292	So.	Dallas, GA
68 Harris, Ryan	OL	6'5"	288	Sr.	St. Paul, MN
79 Mattes, Brian	OL	6'6"	285	Sr.	Larksville, PA
76 Morton, Bob	OL	6'4"	292	Sr.	McKinney, TX
50 Santucci, Dan	OL	6'4"	290	Sr.	Chicago, IL
59 Stewart, Chris	OL	6'5"	340	Fr.	Spring, TX
78 Sullivan, John	OL	6'4"	298	Sr.	Old Greenwich, CT
63 Tisak, Jeff	OL	6'3"	305	So.	Ambridge, PA
77 Turkovich, Michael	OL	6'6"	290	So.	Bedford, PA
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
95 Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6'4"	260	Sr.	Randallstown, MD
94 Brown, Justin	DL	6'3"	247	Jr.	Clinton, MD
60 Cullen, Casey	DL	6'1"	238	Sr.	Victoria, TX
75 Frome, Chris	DL	6'5"	268	Sr.	Saugus, CA
92 Hand, Derrell	DL	6'3"	301	So.	Philadelphia, PA
69 Kennedy, Neil	DL	5'11"	260	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
96 Kuntz, Pat	DL	6'2"	267	So.	Indianapolis, IN
66 Landri, Derek	DL	6'3"	263	Sr.	Concord, CA
98 Laws, Trevor	DL	6'1"	293	Sr.	Burnsville, MN
57 Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6'2"	252	Jr.	Delray Beach, FL
99 Talley, Ronald	DL	6'4"	261	Jr.	Detroit, MI
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
58 Banda, Abdel	LB	6'1"	220	Jr.	Orange, NJ
56 Borseti, Nick	LB	6'4"	238	Sr.	Saugus, MA
52 Brockington, Joe	LB	6'1"	212	Sr.	Palmyra, PA
40 Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Riverview, FL
48 Quinn, Steve	LB	6'2"	215	So.	Cherry Hill, NJ
41 Smith, Scott	LB	6'3"	234	So.	Highland Park, IL
47 Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6'3"	240	Sr.	Opelika, AL
4 Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	6'3"	221	Jr.	Anaheim Hills, CA
42 Washington, Kevin	LB	6'1"	231	So.	Sugar Land, TX
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
27 Bruton, David	DB	6'2"	187	So.	Miamisburg, OH
15 Ferrine, Leo	DB	6'0"	186	Jr.	Springfield, NJ
6 Herring, Ray	DB	6'0"	199	So.	Melbourne, FL
26 Iams, Wade	DB	5'9"	182	Jr.	Mishawaka, IN
35 Kenney, Tim	DB	6'0"	180	Sr.	Belvidere, IL
20 Lambert, Terrail	DB	5'11"	188	Jr.	Oxnard, CA
28 McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6'0"	189	So.	Youngstown, OH
18 Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6'2"	219	Sr.	Powell, OH
32 Reynolds Jr., Alvin	DB	5'10"	180	Jr.	Terre Haute, IN
30 Richardson, Mike	DB	5'11"	193	Sr.	Warner Robins, GA
23 Williams, William David	DB	5'9"	174	Jr.	Raleigh, NC
22 Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5'11"	197	Sr.	Baltimore, MD
9 Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6'0"	208	Sr.	Arlington Heights, IL
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
45 Gioia, Carl	K	5'11"	179	Sr.	Valparaiso, IN
61 Jansen, J.J.	LS	6'3"	242	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
17 Price, Geoff	P	6'3"	186	Sr.	Hurst, TX
96 Renkes, Bobby	K	6'0"	190	Sr.	Dallas, TX

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (8)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**83**	**Jeff Samardzija**	**Sr.**
WR	5	Rhema McKnight	Sr.
LT	**68**	**Ryan Harris**	**Sr.**
LG	**50**	**Dan Santucci**	**Sr.**
C	**78**	**John Sullivan**	**Sr.**
RG	**76**	**Bobby Morton**	**Sr.**
RT	79	Brian Mattes	Sr.
TE	**89**	**John Carlson**	**Sr.**
QB	**10**	**Brady Quinn**	**Sr.**
FB	44	Asaph Schwapp	So.
HB	**3**	**Darius Walker**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	1	D.J. Hord	So.
WR	11	David Grimes	So.
LT		Sam Young	Fr.
LG	59	Chris Stewart	Fr.
C	76	Bobby Morton	Sr.
RG	72	Paul Duncan	So.
RT	77	Michael Turkovich	So.
TE	87	Marcus Freeman	Sr.
QB	14	David Wolke	Jr.
FB	35	Ashley McConnell	Sr.
HB	26	Travis Thomas	Sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (9)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**95**	**Victor Abiamiri**	**Sr.**
DT	**98**	**Trevor Laws**	**Sr.**
NG	**66**	**Derek Landri**	**Sr.**
DE	**75**	**Chris Frome**	**Sr.**
OLB	4	Anthony Vernaglia	Jr.
MLB	**40**	**Maurice Crum Jr.**	**Jr.**
WLB	52	Joe Brockington	Sr.
CB	**30**	**Mike Richardson**	**Sr.**
CB	**22**	**Ambrose Wooden**	**Sr.**
SS	**9**	**Tom Zbikowski**	**Sr.**
WS	**18**	**Chinedum Ndukwe**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	94	Justin Brown	Jr.
DT	57	Dwight Stephenson Jr.	Jr.
NG	96	Pat Kuntz	So.
DE	99	Ronald Talley	Jr.
OLB	48	Steve Quinn	So.
MLB	47	Mitchell Thomas	Sr.
WLB	41	Scott Smith	So.
CB	20	Terrail Lambert	Jr.
CB	15	Leo Ferrine	Jr.
SS	6	Ray Herring	So.
WS	27	David Bruton	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	45	Carl Gioia	Sr.
P	17	Geoff Price	Sr.
KR	19	George West	Fr.
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Charlie Weis
Record at School: 9–3 (1 year)
Career Record: 9–3 (1 year)
Offensive Coordinator: Michael Haywood
Defensive Coordinator: Rick Minter
South Bend, Ind.
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2006 SIGNEES

James Aldridge	RB	6'1"	215	Crown Point, IN
Sergio Brown	DB	6'1"	184	Maywood, IL
Ryan Burkhart	K	5'11"	185	Wakarusa, IN
Matt Carufel	OL	6'5"	288	Forest Lake, MN
Zach Frazer	QB	6'4"	215	Mechanicsburg, PA
Jashaad Gaines	DB	6'0"	195	Las Vegas, NV
Barry Gallup	WR	5'11"	175	Wellesley, MA
Leonard Gordon	DB	5'11"	195	Clarksville, TN
Richard Jackson	WR	6'3"	200	Clermont, FL
Demetrius Jones	QB	6'4"	202	Chicago, IL
Raeshon McNeil	DB	6'0"	175	Cooleemee, NC
Paddy Mullen	DL	6'5"	265	St. Louis, MO
Eric Olsen	OL	6'4"	290	Staten Island, NY
Robby Parris	WR	6'4"	185	Olmsted Falls, OH
Munir Prince	RB	5'10"	175	Florissant, MO
Konrad Reuland	TE	6'6"	239	San Capistrano, CA
Morrice Richardson	LB	6'2"	228	College Park, GA
John Ryan	DL	6'5"	240	Westlake, OH
Luke Schmidt	RB	6'3"	230	Jasper, IN
Toryan Smith	LB	6'0"	230	Rome, GA
Chris Stewart	OL	6'5"	340	Spring, TX
Kallen Wade	DL	6'5"	220	Cincinnati, OH
Darrin Walls	DB	6'1"	175	Pittsburgh, PA
Bartley Webb	OL	6'7"	290	Springdale, AR
Dan Wenger	OL	6'4"	285	Coral Springs, FL
George West	WR	5'8"	172	Spencer, OK
Sam Young	OL	6'7"	292	Coral Springs, FL

Charlie Weis and his staff put Notre Dame back on the recruiting map with a top 10 class. The Irish not only began competing with the "big boys" of recruiting once again, but they also won a few head-to-head battles, including a "victory" over USC for tight end Konrad Reuland. The Irish added firepower in the backfield with running backs James Aldridge, Munir Prince and Luke Schmidt and much-needed numbers (six) along the offensive line, led by Sam Young. Quarterbacks Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer are upgrades behind Brady Quinn, and cornerbacks Darrin Walls and Raeshon McNeil have a chance to make an immediate impact.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 9–3

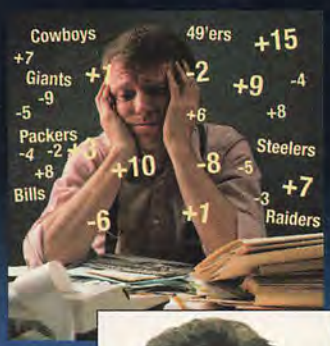
Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	3	at Pittsburgh	W	42–21	66,451
S.	10	at Michigan	W	17–10	111,386
S.	17	Michigan State	L	41–44	80,795
S.	24	at Washington	W	36–17	71,473
O.	1	at Purdue	W	49–28	65,491
O.	15	USC	L	31–34	80,795
O.	22	BYU	W	49–23	80,795
N.	5	Tennessee	W	41–21	80,795
N.	12	Navy	W	42–21	80,795
N.	19	Syracuse	W	34–10	80,795
N.	26	at Stanford	W	38–31	56,057
J.	2	#Ohio State	L	20–34	76,196
		#Fiesta Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Brady Quinn	**450**	**292**	**3,919**	**32**	**7**
David Wolke	**3**	**1**	**28**	**0**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Darius Walker	**253**	**1,196**	**4.7**	**9**	
Travis Thomas	**63**	**248**	**3.9**	**5**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Jeff Samardzija	**77**	**1,249**	**16.2**	**15**	
Maurice Stovall	69	1,149	16.7	11	
Anthony Fasano	47	576	12.3	2	

Kicking: D.J. Fitzpatrick, 11-17 FGs, 52-54 XPs, 85 points
Tackles: Brandon Hoyte, 92; Corey Mays, 80
Sacks: Victor Abiamiri, 8
Interceptions: Tom Zbikowski, 5

Returning Players in Bold



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S19	Redskins (+6) Cowboys	14-13	W
	Redskins / Cowboys ↓35½	14-13	W
O22	Kentucky (+10) Ole Miss	7-13	W
O29	Oklahoma (-2) Nebraska	31-24	W
N19	Oklahoma (+7½) Tex Tech	21-23	W
D 3	Georgia (+1½) LSU	34-14	W
D17	Patriots (-6) Bucs	28-0	W
D18	Chargers (+7½) Colts	26-17	W
J 2	Alabama (+3½) Tex Tech	13-10	W
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With the knowledge that Ohio State must replace its entire secondary and nine of its top 10 tacklers from last season, you're probably wondering why the Buckeyes are the pick to win the Big Ten Conference title.

Well, the Buckeyes will have a stud quarterback in Troy Smith, who finally is the unquestioned leader of the offense, and enough talent around him to outscore people. And the Buckeyes should have recruited well enough to restock the defense so that it will at least be solid when the Big Ten race warms.

In addition, Ohio State gets Michigan and Penn State in Columbus and catches a break because Wisconsin is off the schedule. Remember, head coach Jim Tressel is just 1–3 against UW, with two of the losses coming in Columbus.

Michigan might be the top choice — if Lloyd Carr could figure out how to beat Tressel and the Buckeyes. But Carr is 1–4 in those meetings, a mark that has to improve to satisfy the antsy alums. Nevertheless, the Wolverines should be healthier than they were last season, when a rash of injuries disrupted their continuity, particularly on the offensive line.

Carr shook up the coaching staff in the offseason, and if running backs Mike Hart and Kevin Grady are given room to run, quarterback Chad Henne will rebound from a sub-par sophomore season. Michigan might have the best overall offense in the conference.

Either Iowa or Wisconsin could challenge for the title with a bit of luck and a critical early-season victory.

A year ago, Iowa was forced to break in a new defensive line. That hurt the early-season productivity of linebackers Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway. Now the Hawkeyes have a battle-tested line but must replace their outstanding linebackers.

Kirk Ferentz and his assistants have proved over time it is foolish to underestimate their ability to overcome personnel losses. This team appears stronger on paper than the 2005 version, and that team suffered crushing league losses to Michigan and Northwestern by a combined four points.

The Badgers have a new head coach for the first time since 1990 with former defensive coordinator Bret Bielema in and Barry Alvarez now serving as full-time athletic director.

UW has serious questions on offense, particularly at wide receiver and tailback. However, if ends Jamal Cooper and Matt Shaughnessy recover from season-ending knee injuries, the Badgers could have the deepest defensive line and nastiest front seven in the league. That would take the pressure off inconsistent cornerbacks. If all goes well, this defense could be as good as, if not better than, the 2004 unit that finished near the top of the Big Ten in most statistical categories. And having the best punter/kicker duo in the Big Ten won't hurt, either.

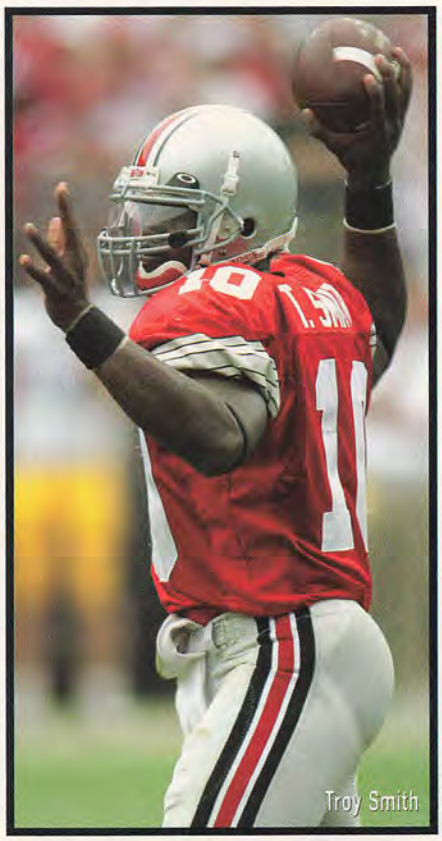
The Badgers need a quick start, and a victory at Michigan on Sept. 23 would be huge.

Purdue coach Joe Tiller is hoping the Boilermakers can take advantage of the Big Ten's softest schedule. For the second straight season, Purdue does not play Michigan or Ohio State.

Penn State coach Joe Paterno rediscovered the magic last season, thanks in large part to a group of talented youngsters on offense. The kids are back. But it appears unlikely the Nittany Lions can replace the moxie of quarterback Michael Robinson and the experience of seven departed starters from an outstanding defense.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. OHIO STATE
2. MICHIGAN
3. IOWA
4. WISCONSIN
5. PURDUE
6. PENN STATE
7. MICHIGAN STATE
8. NORTHWESTERN
9. MINNESOTA
10. INDIANA
11. ILLINOIS


Troy Smith

John Grieshop

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SHAKEUP IN ANN ARBOR

When offensive coordinator Terry Malone took a job with the New Orleans Saints, Michigan coach Lloyd Carr turned to an old friend to fill the void. His choice was Mike DeBord, who ran the offense from 1997, when Michigan won a share of the national title, through '99 before taking over as the head coach at Central Michigan. DeBord returned to Michigan in 2004 and was the Wolverines' special teams coach and recruiting coordinator.

Carr's work wasn't done, however. He also had to replace defensive coordinator Jim Herrmann, who left to become the linebackers coach with the New York Jets. Carr tabbed secondary coach Ron English to run the Wolverines' defense.

HELP WANTED

Illinois finished last in the Big Ten in scoring defense (39.5 ppg) and 10th in total defense (469.3 ypg) last season. Not surprisingly, coach Ron Zook brought in a new defensive coordinator. Gone is Mike Mallory, who eventually landed a job as the linebackers coach at Kansas. The new face is veteran Vince Okruch, who began his coaching career in 1977 and is in his third tour of duty in the Big Ten.

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BOWLING

With its 34–20 victory over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl, Ohio State extended its bowl winning streak to four games. That has happened only one other time in school history. The Buckeyes won four consecutive bowl games — over a 19-year span — beginning with the 1950 Rose Bowl and ending with the 1969 Rose Bowl. Ohio State coach Jim Tressel's five-year record with the Buckeyes is 50–13, including 4–1 in bowl games.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Love and loyalty in the Palcic family will be tested, sort of, when Indiana hosts Wisconsin Sept. 30. Joe Palcic is entering his second season as Indiana's co-defensive coordinator. Bob Palcic, Joe's father, is entering his first season as Wisconsin's offensive line coach. He joined Bret Bielema's first staff at UW after spending the last 12 seasons in the NFL.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Sensing that the heat was being turned up on coach John L. Smith after another disappointing season, Michigan State officials decided to pledge their support. "By being here, we're putting a lot of things to rest," athletic director Ron Mason said after Smith spoke to reporters at his end-of-season news conference. "It's critical that players know the coach is going to be here. We're on track. We're doing things right."

Perhaps, if a .500 record is your goal.

The Spartans destroyed Illinois, 61–14, in their Big Ten opener last season but then lost six of their last seven games to finish 5–6. That collapse left Smith's overall record with the Spartans 18–18 after three seasons. Michigan State has failed to qualify for a bowl game in each of the last two seasons, and the Spartans have tended to fade after strong starts under Smith. The Spartans are 10–3 in August and September, 6–5 in October and only 2–10 in November and December.

BIG LOSS?

Northwestern's staff suffered a significant hit when offensive coordinator Mike Dunbar took the same position at California. Dunbar served as the team's offensive coordinator for the last four seasons. Last season, Northwestern finished fourth in the nation in total offense with a 500.3-yard average. In 2004, the Wildcats finished 29th in total offense (409.5 ypg). Couple that with the departure of quarterback Brett Basanez, who set 30 school records, and it will be interesting to see if the if the offense suffers a significant drop-off in 2006. Garrick McGee, who coached the Cats' wide receivers in 2004 and '05, was promoted to offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

BOILER MOVES

Excuse Purdue coach Joe Tiller if his team struggles early this season. After Purdue failed to qualify for a bowl game for the first time during his nine-year tenure in West Lafayette, Tiller endured a significant staff shakeup. The Boilermakers enter 2006 with five new coaches. The most curious and contentious departure involved former quarterbacks coach Blaine Bennett. He bolted to Michigan State after being passed over for the offensive coordinator job with the Boilermakers.

2005 QUOTE

"That was the longest football game I have ever been involved in. I was looking at my watch thinking: 'When is this thing going to be over?' I'm usually in bed for a few hours by this time."

— Penn State coach Joe Paterno, on his team's triple-overtime victory over Florida State in the Orange Bowl. The game lasted 4 hours 45 minutes and ended at 12:57 a.m.

KEY GAMES

SEPT. 9 PENN STATE AT NOTRE DAME
These two storied programs meet for the first time since 1992.

SEPT. 16 MICHIGAN AT NOTRE DAME
The Wolverines lost at home to the Irish in 2005 and haven't forgotten.

SEPT. 23 WISCONSIN AT MICHIGAN
Last season, UW stunned the Wolverines in Madison, 23–20, on a late TD.

SEPT. 30 OHIO STATE AT IOWA
One of the Buckeyes' few hurdles en route to the Big Ten title.

OCT. 14 MINNESOTA AT WISCONSIN
UW stole a 38–34 victory a year ago by scoring twice in the final 2:10.

OCT. 14 MICHIGAN AT PENN STATE
The Wolverines won this matchup on the final play of the game last season.

OCT. 14 OHIO STATE AT MICHIGAN STATE
John L. Smith is still steaming about MSU's breakdowns at the Shoe in 2005.

NOV. 11 WISCONSIN AT IOWA
This will be Bret Bielema's first trip to his alma mater as the Badgers' coach.

NOV. 11 OHIO STATE AT NORTHWESTERN
Remember, Northwestern beat the Buckeyes in Evanston two seasons ago.

NOV. 18 MICHIGAN AT OHIO STATE
Michigan's Lloyd Carr is 1–4 against Ohio State's Jim Tressel.

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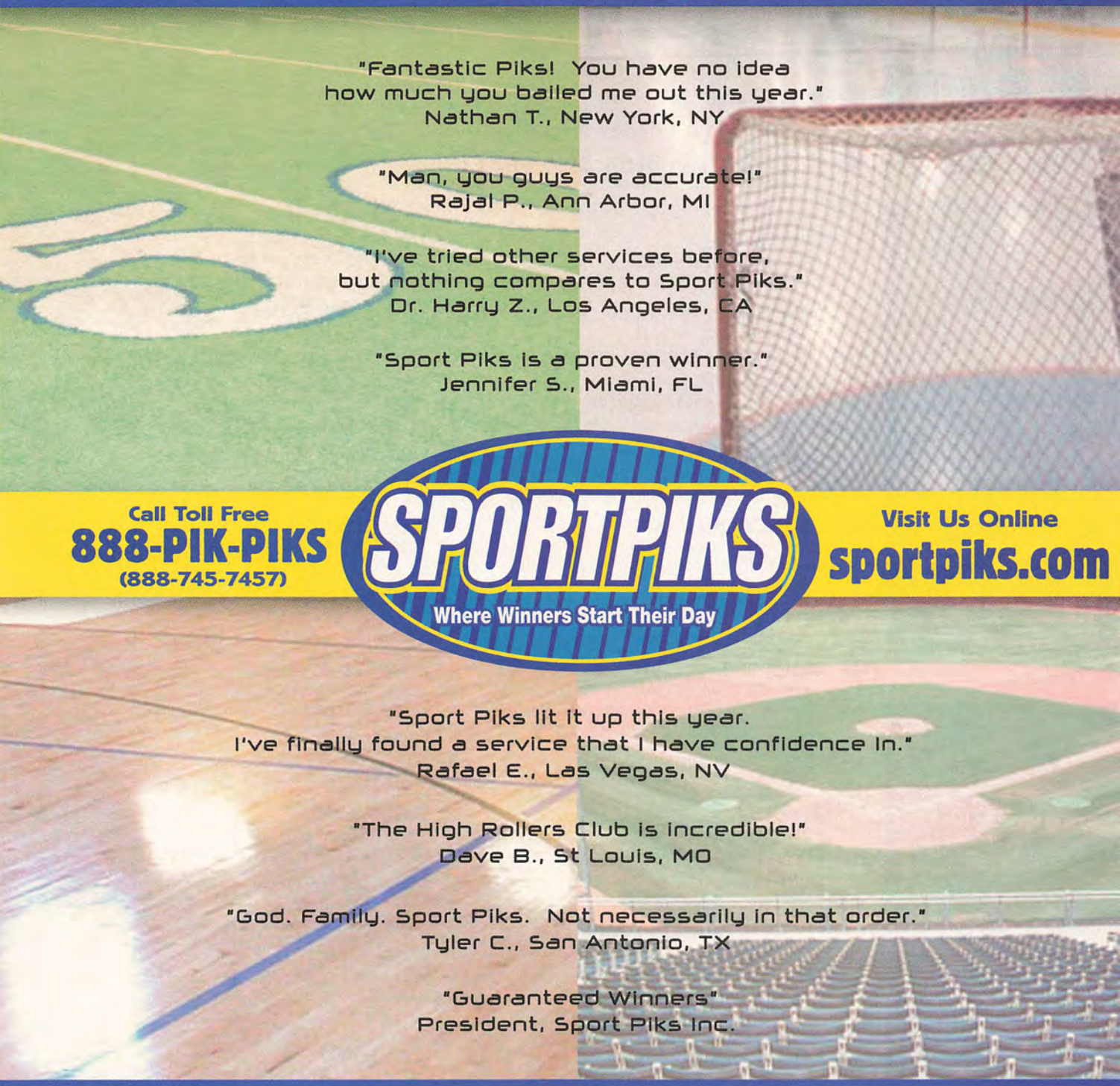

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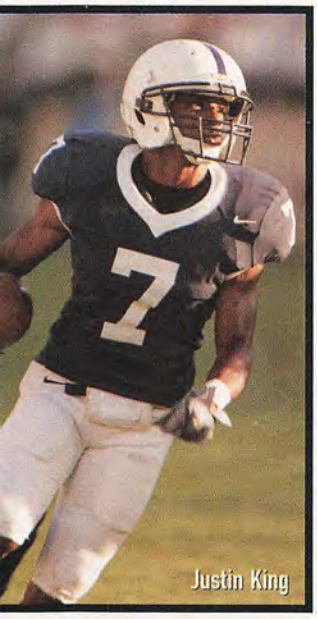

Justin King

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB TROY SMITH
6'1" 215 SR. OHIO STATE
TORCHED ND IN FIESTA BOWL WITH 408 TOTAL YARDS

RB MIKE HART
5'9" 198 JR. MICHIGAN
WHEN HEALTHY, HE'S A DOMINANT RUNNER

RB TYRELL SUTTON
5'9" 190 SO. NORTHWESTERN
RUSHED FOR 1,474 YARDS AND 16 TD'S AS FRESHMAN

WR JAMES HARDY
6'7" 215 SO. INDIANA
PERHAPS THE BIG TEN'S BIGGEST SURPRISE IN 2005

WR DERRICK WILLIAMS
6'0" 201 SO. PENN STATE
ONE OF THE LEAGUE'S TOP YOUNG STARS

TE MATT SPAETH
6'6" 270 SR. MINNESOTA
AVERAGED 12.8 YARDS PER CATCH LAST SEASON

C MARK BIHL
6'5" 297 SR. MICHIGAN
IMPRESSED UM COACHES WITH A STRONG SPRING

OL LEVI BROWN
6'5" 328 SR. PENN STATE
FIRST-TEAMER IN '05 IS BACK FOR HIS FINAL TOUR

OL JAKE LONG
6'7" 316 SR. MICHIGAN
HAS BEEN A MONSTER WHEN HEALTHY

OL MIKE OTTO
6'5" 304 SR. PURDUE
A FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR WITH 36 STARTS AT LEFT TACKLE

OL JOE THOMAS
6'8" 306 SR. WISCONSIN
ON TRACK TO RETURN FROM A TORN ACL

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL JAY ALFORD
6'3" 288 SR. PENN STATE
LONE HOLDOVER FROM A DOMINANT LINE

DL KENNY IWEBEMA
6'4" 270 JR. IOWA
A FIRST-TEAM PICK LAST SEASON WITH SEVEN SACKS

DL QUINN PITCOCK
6'3" 295 SR. OHIO STATE
LED OSU LINEMEN IN TACKLES (28) AS A FIRST-YEAR STARTER

DL LAMARR WOODLEY
6'2" 268 SR. MICHIGAN
SIXTEEN OF HIS 48 TACKLES WERE BEHIND THE LINE

LB DAN CONNOR
6'3" 225 JR. PENN STATE
KEY PART OF THE BIG TEN'S BEST GROUP OF LB'S

LB PAUL POSLUSZNY
6'1" 238 SR. PENN STATE
A FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICAN LAST SEASON

LB MARK ZALEWSKI
6'2" 236 SR. WISCONSIN
CAN MAKE PLAYS FROM SIDELINE TO SIDELINE

CB LEON HALL
5'11" 193 SR. MICHIGAN
WOLVERINES EXPECTING A BIG SEASON FROM SENIOR

CB JUSTIN KING
5'11" 179 SO. PENN STATE
SHOULD BLOSSOM INTO A TOP COVER CORNER

S MARCUS PASCHAL
6'0" 207 SR. IOWA
VETERAN HAS 23 STARTS ON HIS RÉSUMÉ

S JOE STELLMACHER
6'1" 222 SR. WISCONSIN
CONSISTENT PERFORMER IN BADGERS' SECONDARY

SPECIALISTS

K KYLE SCHLICHER
5'9" 184 SR. IOWA
THREE OF HIS FOUR MISSES WERE FROM 40-PLUS

KR TED GINN JR.
6'0" 175 JR. OHIO STATE
LED BIG TEN WITH A 29.6-YARD AVERAGE

P KEN DEBAUCHE
6'2" 221 JR. WISCONSIN
RANKED NO. 8 NATIONALLY WITH A 44.8-YARD AVERAGE

PR TED GINN JR.
6'0 175 JR. OHIO STATE
FOES MAKE A HABIT OF KICKING AWAY FROM GINN

Thomas: Ric Fogel
King: Bill Wood

2005 BIG TEN BOWL RESULTS

ORANGE BOWL · JAN. 3 · MIAMI, FLA.: PENN STATE 26, FLORIDA STATE 23 (3OT) «» FIESTA BOWL · JAN. 2 · TEMPE, ARIZ.: OHIO STATE 34, NOTRE DAME 20
OUTBACK BOWL · JAN. 2 · TAMPA, FLA.: FLORIDA 31, IOWA 24 «» CAPITAL ONE BOWL · JAN. 2 · ORLANDO, FLA.: WISCONSIN 24, AUBURN 10
MUSIC CITY BOWL · DEC. 30 · NASHVILLE, TENN.: VIRGINIA 34, MINNESOTA 31 «» SUN BOWL · DEC. 30 · EL PASO, TEXAS: UCLA 50, NORTHWESTERN 38
ALAMO BOWL · DEC. 28 · SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: NEBRASKA 32, MICHIGAN 28

ALL-BIG TEN SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Drew Stanton	6'3"	230	Sr.	Michigan State
RB	Antonio Pittman	5'11"	195	Jr.	Ohio State
RB	Albert Young	5'10"	209	Jr.	Iowa
WR	Dorien Bryant	5'10"	175	Jr.	Purdue
WR	Deon Butler	5'10"	166	So.	Penn State
TE	Tyler Ecker	6'6"	247	Sr.	Michigan
C	Trevor Rees	6'2"	285	Jr.	Northwestern
OL	Mike Elgin	6'4"	288	Sr.	Iowa
OL	Jordan Grimes	6'3"	334	Jr.	Purdue
OL	Mike Jones	6'5"	302	Sr.	Iowa
OL	Dace Richardson	6'6"	306	So.	Iowa

ALL-BIG TEN SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Jamal Cooper	6'4"	206	Jr.	Wisconsin
DL	Nick Hayden	6'5"	310	Jr.	Wisconsin
DL	Mitch King	6'3"	264	So.	Iowa
DL	Anthony Spencer	6'3"	261	Sr.	Purdue
LB	David Harris	6'2"	242	Sr.	Michigan
LB	J Leman	6'2"	240	Jr.	Illinois
LB	Edmond Miles	6'1"	228	Sr.	Iowa
CB	Marquice Cole	5'10"	185	Sr.	Northwestern
CB	Tracy Porter	5'10"	181	Jr.	Indiana
S	Ryan Mundy	6'1"	205	Sr.	Michigan
S	Roderick Rogers	6'2"	186	Sr.	Wisconsin

ALL-BIG TEN SECOND TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Taylor Mehlhaff	5'11"	185	Jr.	Wisconsin
P	Tyson Beattie	6'1"	204	Sr.	Indiana
KR	Demond Williams	5'9"	175	Sr.	Michigan State
PR	Steve Breaston	6'1"	182	Sr.	Michigan

ALL-BIG TEN THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Drew Tate	6'0"	192	Sr.	Iowa
RB	Tony Hunt	6'1"	230	Sr.	Penn State
RB	Javon Ringer	5'9"	202	So.	Michigan State
WR	Ted Ginn Jr.	6'0"	175	Jr.	Ohio State
WR	Mario Manningham	6'0"	187	So.	Michigan
TE	Scott Chandler	6'7"	257	Sr.	Iowa
C	Tony Brinkhaus	6'4"	300	Jr.	Minnesota
OL	Kirk Barton	6'7"	325	Jr.	Ohio State
OL	Austin Matthews	6'5"	305	Jr.	Northwestern
OL	Sean Sester	6'8"	309	Jr.	Purdue
OL	Kraig Urbik	6'6"	321	So.	Wisconsin

ALL-BIG TEN THIRD TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Steve Davis	6'2"	230	So.	Minnesota
DL	Matt Kroul	6'3"	271	So.	Iowa
DL	Clifton Ryan	6'2"	304	Sr.	Michigan State
DL	Matt Shaughnessy	6'6"	227	So.	Wisconsin
LB	Prescott Burgess	6'3"	246	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Stanford Keglar	6'2"	240	Jr.	Purdue
LB	Nick Roach	6'2"	245	Sr.	Northwestern
CB	Malcolm Jenkins	6'1"	180	So.	Ohio State
CB	Demond Williams	5'9"	175	Sr.	Michigan State
S	Dominic Jones	5'9"	180	So.	Minnesota
S	Torri Williams	6'2"	204	Jr.	Purdue

ALL-BIG TEN THIRD TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Garrett Rivas	5'9"	217	Sr.	Michigan
P	Brandon Fields	6'6"	232	Sr.	Michigan State
KR	Dorien Bryant	5'10"	175	Jr.	Purdue
PR	Dominic Jones	5'9"	180	So.	Minnesota

BIG SHOES TO FILL »

BRET BIELEMA, WISCONSIN

No pressure on this first-year head coach. Bielema, 36, will be expected to at least maintain what Barry Alvarez built in 16 seasons at UW. That included three Big Ten titles, three Rose Bowl titles and a 10–3 finish in his final season. And did we mention Alvarez will be watching close by as UW's full-time athletic director?

C.J. BACHÉR, NORTHWESTERN

Bachér, entering his third season in the program, opened spring as the favorite in a three-player race to take over for quarterback Brett Basanez. Basanez set 30 school records, led the Wildcats to two bowl appearances and was the media's choice as Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year last season.

TONY BRINKHAUS, MINNESOTA

Brinkhaus moves from offensive tackle to center, where he is set to take over for the departed Greg Eslinger, a four-year starter. Good luck. Eslinger, a three-time first-team all-conference pick and the 2005 Outland Trophy winner, was one of the most dominant linemen in the Big Ten over the past decade.

ANTHONY MORELLI, PENN STATE

Big Ten defensive coordinators won't have to worry about stopping quarterback Michael Robinson, who could win games with his arm and feet. Morelli is said to have an NFL-caliber arm and will have a corps of talented receivers. However, the junior lacks game experience and isn't a dangerous runner.

JOHN KERR, OHIO STATE

Kerr sat out the 2003 season after transferring from Indiana and backed up A.J. Hawk for the last two seasons. With Hawk gone, Kerr will get his chance to start. Hawk was a stud who was the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year last season. But Kerr led Indiana in tackles as a freshman with 114.

THE BIG TEN ATHLON AWARDS »

QBs »	Ohio State
RBs »	Ohio State
TE/WRs »	Michigan
OL »	Iowa
DL »	Iowa
LBs »	Penn State
DBs »	Michigan

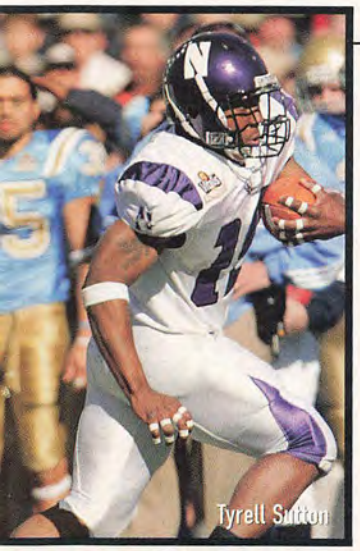
An Athlon Award is handed out to the best units in each conference. See page 68 for complete rankings from each conference.

2005 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Big Ten	Overall
PENN STATE	7–1	11–1
OHIO STATE	7–1	10–2
WISCONSIN	5–3	10–3
MICHIGAN	5–3	7–5
NORTHWESTERN	5–3	7–5
IOWA	5–3	7–5
MINNESOTA	4–4	7–5
PURDUE	3–5	5–6
MICHIGAN STATE	2–6	5–6
INDIANA	1–7	4–7
ILLINOIS	0–8	2–9

2006 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ILLINOIS	10	6	10	5	11	10	8
INDIANA	7	11	6	11	10	11	10
IOWA	3	2	8	1	1	8	5
MICHIGAN	4	3	1	3	4	2	1
MICHIGAN STATE	2	7	7	10	8	6	7
MINNESOTA	6	9	4	8	7	4	6
NORTHWESTERN	11	4	9	9	9	9	9
OHIO STATE	1	1	2	2	3	3	3
PENN STATE	8	5	3	7	5	1	4
PURDUE	9	10	5	4	6	7	11
WISCONSIN	5	8	11	6	2	5	2


Tyrell Sutton

BIG TEN RETURNING CONFERENCE LEADERS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
Drew Stanton, Michigan State	354	236	12	66.7	3077	22	279.7
Drew Tate, Iowa	352	219	7	62.2	2828	22	235.7
Bryan Cupito, Minnesota	297	176	9	59.3	2530	19	230.0
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Avg/G**	**Long**	
Tyrell Sutton, Northwestern	250	1474	5.9	16	122.8	62	
Albert Young, Iowa	249	1334	5.4	8	111.2	36	
Antonio Pittman, Ohio State	243	1331	5.5	7	110.9	67	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	**Avg/G**	**Long**	
James Hardy, Indiana	61	893	14.6	10	89.3	83	
Dorien Bryant, Purdue	80	960	12.0	4	87.3	44	

Tackles: Paul Posluszny, Penn State (116); Dan Connor, Penn State (76)

Sacks: Jay Alford, Penn State (8.5); Kenny Iwebema, Iowa (7.0)

2005 BIG TEN TEAM STATS & RANKINGS

	Offense				Defense			
	Score	Rush	Pass	Total	Score	Rush	Pass	Total
Illinois	17.0 (11)	158.2 (10)	196.5 (11)	354.6 (10)	39.5 (11)	234.0 (11)	235.3 (5)	469.3 (10)
Indiana	22.5 (10)	131.2 (11)	219.6 (9)	350.8 (11)	32.8 (9)	215.2 (9)	202.5 (1)	417.7 (8)
Iowa	30.0 (7t)	174.7 (7)	257.8 (3)	432.4 (4)	20.0 (3)	126.0 (3)	256.7 (8)	382.7 (4)
Michigan	28.8 (9)	161.6 (9)	222.7 (7)	384.2 (9)	20.3 (4)	137.8 (4)	207.8 (2)	345.2 (3)
Michigan State	33.8 (4)	201.8 (3)	295.5 (2)	497.3 (2)	28.7 (7)	164.6 (7)	244.9 (6)	409.5 (5)
Minnesota	35.8 (1)	273.1 (1)	221.7 (8)	494.8 (3)	29.0 (8)	155.6 (6)	257.1 (9)	412.7 (6)
Northwestern	32.3 (6)	193.6 (5)	306.8 (1)	500.3 (1)	33.9 (10)	218.1 (10)	262.7 (10)	480.4 (11)
Ohio State	32.7 (5)	196.7 (4)	225.7 (6)	422.3 (6)	15.2 (1)	73.4 (1)	207.9 (3)	281.3 (1)
Penn State	34.4 (2)	212.8 (2)	208.8 (10)	421.5 (7)	17.0 (2)	93.0 (2)	211.7 (4)	304.7 (2)
Purdue	30.0 (7t)	186.7 (6)	241.7 (4)	428.5 (5)	28.1 (6)	143.5 (5)	287.3 (11)	430.7 (9)
Wisconsin	34.3 (3)	168.2 (8)	228.4 (5)	396.5 (8)	23.8 (5)	167.5 (8)	249.8 (7)	417.2 (7)

Paterno: Al Koostra; Sutton: Chris Covatta

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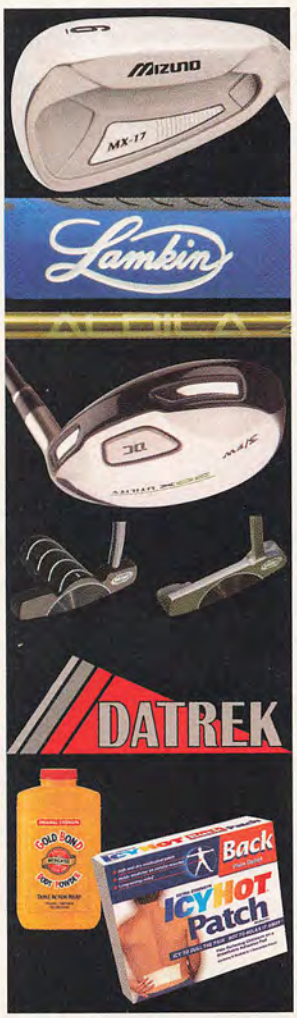

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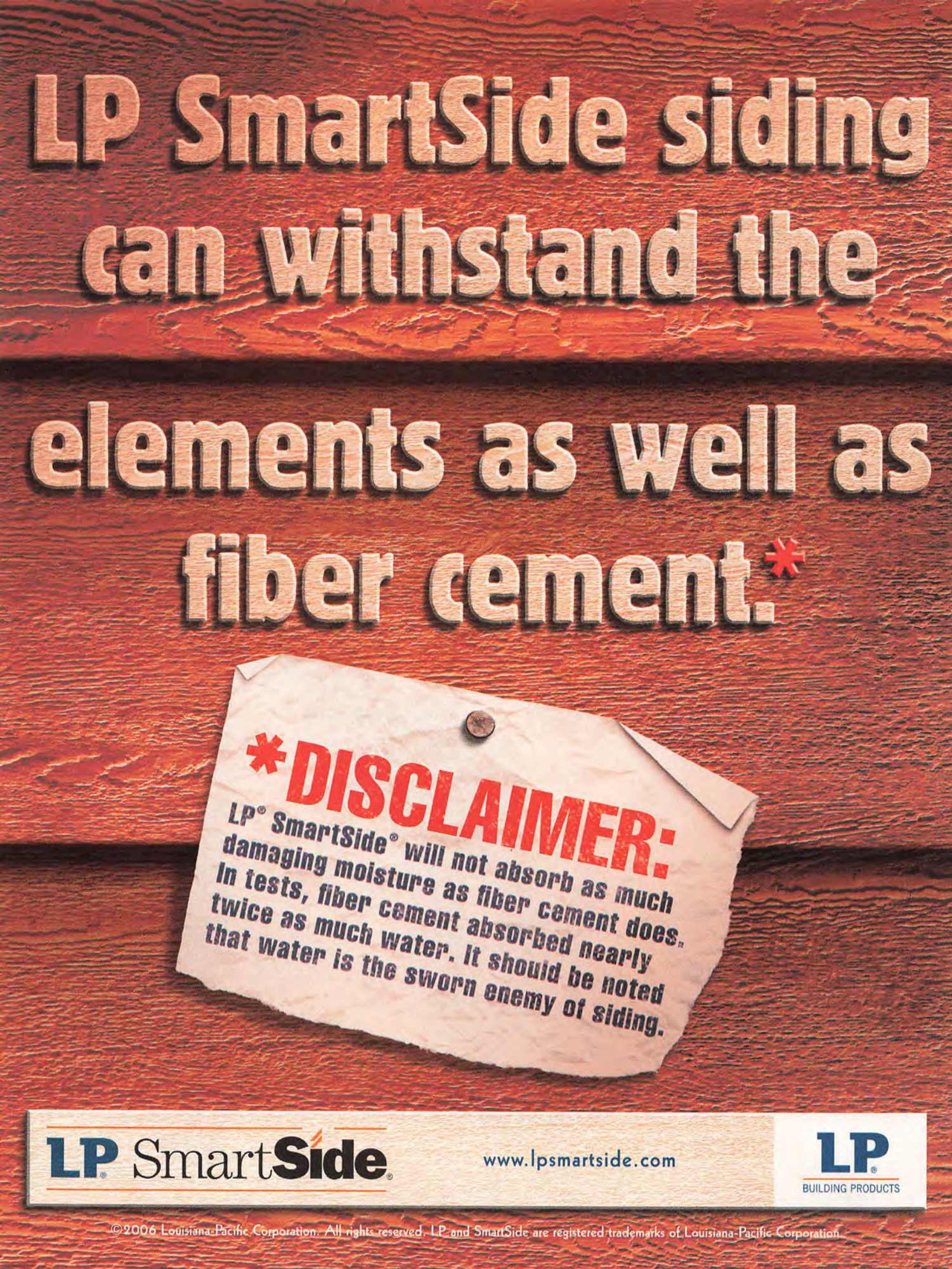
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BIG TEN FUTURE STARS

Which freshman is ready to make the biggest immediate impact in the Big Ten? Look no further than Ohio State running back Chris Wells. The 6'1", 225-pounder, from Garfield High in Akron, Ohio, made an instant impact this past January in San Antonio when he was named the Most Valuable Player of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

On the field, Wells reminds everyone in Buckeye land of former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett. Like Clarett, Wells arrived early in Columbus to participate in spring football. He is a tremendous talent with a bright future.

The Buckeyes also found themselves a star on the offensive line in Connor Smith from Cincinnati. Expect Smith to be opening up some holes for Wells is the near future.

Going from one end of this list to the other, look for receiver Lance Kendricks to make an impact for Wisconsin as a true freshman. The 6'4", 210-pound Milwaukee native has all the tools to be the go-to-guy for the Badgers in 2006 and help ease the loss of running back Brian Calhoun.

Linebacker Brandon Graham will take his game from Crockett High in Detroit to Ann Arbor and live out his childhood dream by playing for Michigan. Graham was a U.S. Army All-American, and he was named team captain because of his positive attitude, toughness and leadership abilities.

One of the nation's top offensive linemen said good-bye to his home in Washington, packed his bags and headed to the Midwest, where he'll be playing for the University of Michigan. Steve Schilling, a 6'5", 285-pound road grader, is an amazing talent who could make an impact right away.

Ever since Ron Zook took over at Illinois, he's been searching for the right quarterback to run his spread offense. Incoming freshman Isiah Williams could be that quarterback. The 6'2", 207-pounder from Vocational High in Chicago has arguably the strongest arm of any incoming freshman in the nation. Williams is a little rough around the edges, but once he gets coached up in Champaign, he could end up being one of the top gunslingers in the conference.

Penn State had a great year on the field and in the recruiting wars. One benefit of winning the Big Ten title and the Orange Bowl was the signing of quarterback Pat Devlin. The 6'4", 200-pounder, from West High in Downington, Pa., originally committed to Miami but changed his mind when Larry Coker let most of his coaching staff go at the end of the season. Junior Anthony Morelli is the guy to beat at quarterback at Penn State this fall, but he's going to get some stiff competition from Devlin.

BIG TEN RECRUITING

1. PENN STATE
2. MICHIGAN
3. OHIO STATE
4. ILLINOIS
5. WISCONSIN
6. IOWA
7. MICHIGAN STATE
8. PURDUE
9. MINNESOTA
10. NORTHWESTERN
11. INDIANA

SCOUT.COM'S TOP 20 BIG TEN RECRUITS »

1.	CHRIS WELLS	RB	6'1"	225	AKRON, OH	OHIO STATE
2.	BRANDON GRAHAM	LB	6'2"	240	DETROIT, MI	MICHIGAN
3.	STEVE SCHILLING	OL	6'5"	285	BELLEVUE, WA	MICHIGAN
4.	CONNOR SMITH	OL	6'5"	295	CINCINNATI, OH	OHIO STATE
5.	ANTONIO LOGAN-EL	OL	6'6"	310	FORESTVILLE, MD	PENN STATE
6.	JUSTIN BOREN	OL	6'4"	305	PICKERINGTON, OH	MICHIGAN
7.	CHRIS BELL	WR	6'3"	205	NORFOLK, VA	PENN STATE
8.	JONAS MOUTON	S	6'2"	212	LOS ANGELES, CA	MICHIGAN
9.	ROBERT ROSE	DE	6'5"	260	CLEVELAND, OH	OHIO STATE
10.	PAT DEVLIN	QB	6'4"	200	DOWNINGTON, PA	PENN STATE
11.	JARED ODRICK	DT	6'6"	285	LEBANON, PA	PENN STATE
12.	THADDEUS GIBSON	LB	6'3"	220	EUCLID, OH	OHIO STATE
13.	MAURICE EVANS	DE	6'3"	252	MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY	PENN STATE
14.	ISIAH WILLIAMS	QB	6'2"	207	CHICAGO, IL	ILLINOIS
15.	MARK JOHNSON	LB	6'4"	230	LOS ANGELES, CA	OHIO STATE
16.	A.J. WALLACE	CB	6'1"	195	POMFRET, MD	PENN STATE
17.	STEVIE BROWN	CB	6'0"	195	COLUMBUS, IN	MICHIGAN
18.	RAY SMALL	WR	6'0"	175	CLEVELAND, OH	OHIO STATE
19.	LANCE KENDRICKS	WR	6'4"	210	MILWAUKEE, WI	WISCONSIN
20.	ANTONIO HENTON	QB	6'2"	210	FORT VALLEY, GA	OHIO STATE

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Ron Zook is not a patient man. He doesn't have time for long voicemail messages, traffic jams or slow service at restaurants.

But the hyper-energetic Illinois coach finds himself at a place where patience is a must. A college basketball coach can turn around a team with a great player or two. It takes a dozen — at least — to fix a wayward football team. Going into his second season, Zook sees progress in his team both physically and mentally. Coming off 1–11, 3–8 and 2–9 seasons, the mental part might need the most work.

"When your confidence level is down, nothing good happens," Zook says. "The mental part is the big part. There's going to come a point and time this year when we're going to have to make a decision. We're going to have to do it. We're going to have to get over the hump. I hope it happens sooner than later."

The second he stepped foot on the Illinois campus, Zook said the team can win consistently. Nothing he saw his first year has changed his opinion.

"We know what our job is," Zook says. "There's no reason why the University of Illinois shouldn't have as good a football program as anybody in the country. There's a lot of work to do."

Quarterbacks What looked like a solid position going into the spring took a hit when starting quarterback Tim Brasic was temporarily suspended for academic reasons. Zook didn't hesitate to bench his starter, showing the rest of the team there will be no exceptions when it comes to academics.

"When you draw a line, you've got to guard that line," Zook says.

Brasic returned a week into spring drills and should maintain his hold on the starting spot going into September. As a junior, Brasic hit 61 percent of his passes and was also second on the team in rushing with 420 yards.

Returnees Paul Blalock and Billy Garza will get a push in August from incoming freshman Isiah "Juice" Williams. If Williams is able to learn the offense quickly, he might also challenge Brasic for his job.

Running Backs Already solid with returning seniors Pierre Thomas and E.B. Halsey, the position welcomes an improving Rashard Mendenhall. In limited duty as a freshman, he had 218 yards and showed good hands out of the backfield, catching two touchdown passes.

But the bulk of the carries will go to Thomas and Halsey, who are on the school's all-time rushing list. With a big season, Thomas can move as high as No. 2, ahead of former stars Red Grange, Howard Griffith and Jim Grabowski.

Thomas is the better runner of the two, taking the ball between the tackles for six-yard gains. Halsey is more of a receiving threat, leading the team with 38 catches in 2005. He is nine grabs away from a spot on the Illinois Top 10 receiver list.

At fullback, the Illini will use 2005 backup Russ Weil and converted linebacker Walter Mendenhall, Rashard's older brother.

NUMBERS GAME

8 Illinois forced only eight turnovers, the fewest in the nation in 2005, and finished 109th in turnover margin (-11).

Receivers A major concern going into 2005, the position has a chance to be a strength for the Illini in '06. Four returning receivers caught at least 13 passes last season, led by the surprising Kyle Hudson. The thin freshman from nearby Mattoon showed his talents early in training camp. He just missed the school's freshman receiving yardage record, held by current Washington Redskin Brandon Lloyd.

DaJuan Warren, Jody Ellis, Derrick McPhearson and Jacob Willis are all expected to be in the rotation. They'll be joined by touted freshmen Marques Wilkins, Chris James and Joe Morgan. Wilkins reported to the team in January, graduating from high school early to get a jump on his college career.

At tight end, incoming freshmen Michael Hoomanawanui and Jeff Cumberland will compete with holdovers J.R. Kraemer and Jay Ramshaw.

Offensive Linemen Though the unit returns all five starters, there will be several changes made. The only player who figures to be in the same place as he was in 2005 is left guard Martin O'Donnell.

Last year's starting center Matt Maddox goes back to right guard, the position he played his first two years at Illinois. Maddox will be replaced at center by Ryan McDonald, who started at right tackle in 2005. McDonald will get plenty of pointers from his dad, Phil, who is a former Illini center.

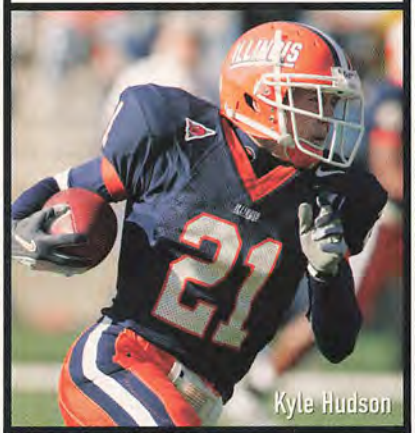
The two tackle spots will be filled by Oklahoma transfer Akim Millington and converted defensive lineman Charles Myles. Millington dominated during spring drills, creating big holes in the defense and asking the running backs to follow him. Myles showed good skills late in the '05 season and improved his technique during the spring.

Former starters J.J. Simmons and James Ryan, plus reserves Ben Amundsen, Jim LaBonte and Eric Block, give the line its most depth in years.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE ILLINI

After winning just two games in his first season, hard-charging Ron Zook went looking for help on the field and in the coaching offices. In new defensive coordinator Vince Okruch, Zook has found a good personality fit who could be a spark for the 10th-ranked defense in the Big Ten. Zook has added speed on both offense and defense, plus some muscle with offensive lineman Akim Millington, an Oklahoma transfer. The schedule is manageable, with winnable non-conference games against Eastern Illinois, Syracuse and Ohio. In the Big Ten, the Illini will be underdogs in every game, not a surprise considering the team is 1–23 the last three conference seasons. Offensively, Zook needs quarterback Tim Brasic to keep up his academics while improving his touchdown-to-interception ratio. The running game is solid and should be helped by an improved offensive line. Receiver, a question mark in '05, is turning into a position of strength. The defense returns most of the starters from '05, which might not be a good thing. Zook has added enough players so that no one will feel too comfortable. The Illini should be able to surpass last season's win total. To do any more than that, they will need big contributions from a handful of talented newcomers.


Kyle Hudson

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	Eastern Illinois	W
S.	9	at Rutgers	L
S.	**16**	**Syracuse**	*
S.	23	Iowa	L
S.	30	at Michigan State	L
O.	**7**	**Indiana**	*
O.	14	Ohio	W
O.	21	at Penn State	L
O.	28	at Wisconsin	L
N.	4	Ohio State	L
N.	11	Purdue	L
N.	18	at Northwestern	L

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Thomas, Hudson: Ric Fogel

Illinois RB

Pierre Thomas

Defensive Linemen The Illini finished near the bottom of the national statistics with 12 sacks in 2005. New defensive coordinator Vince Okruch will be looking for a bigger push from his front four, starting with the defensive ends — junior Xavier Fulton and sophomore Derek Walker. Fulton and Walker combined for just 1.5 sacks last season. The team leader is returning junior defensive tackle Chris Norwell, who had only three sacks last year.

Sirod Williams, who finished the '05 season as the starting end after Fulton was injured, could be a starting tackle. Williams has the kind of burst that Zook likes to see from his inside players.

The ends got some help early in the spring when sophomore Will Davis was moved over from tight end. Zook had wanted to try Davis on defense earlier but gave him a chance on offense first. In his first few days of spring drills, Davis showed the kind of quickness and athleticism the coaches want on the line. Walker and Fulton will both need to be at their best in August to hold off Davis.

Linebackers Last fall, the Illini found themselves a freshman surprise in Brit Miller. Not as highly recruited as some of his teammates, the hard-working Miller moved into the starting lineup six games into the season and figures to keep his spot.

Returning starter J Leman is back after finishing second on the team in tackles. The savvy veteran has a chance to finish among the school's all-time Top 10 tacklers. Illinois added junior college linebacker Antonio Steele in the spring, and the Ohio product was one of the stars of the session. Steele will be one of the three starters and will likely be backed up by a former starter, junior Anthony Thornhill.

"We'll be more athletic (at linebacker)," Zook says.

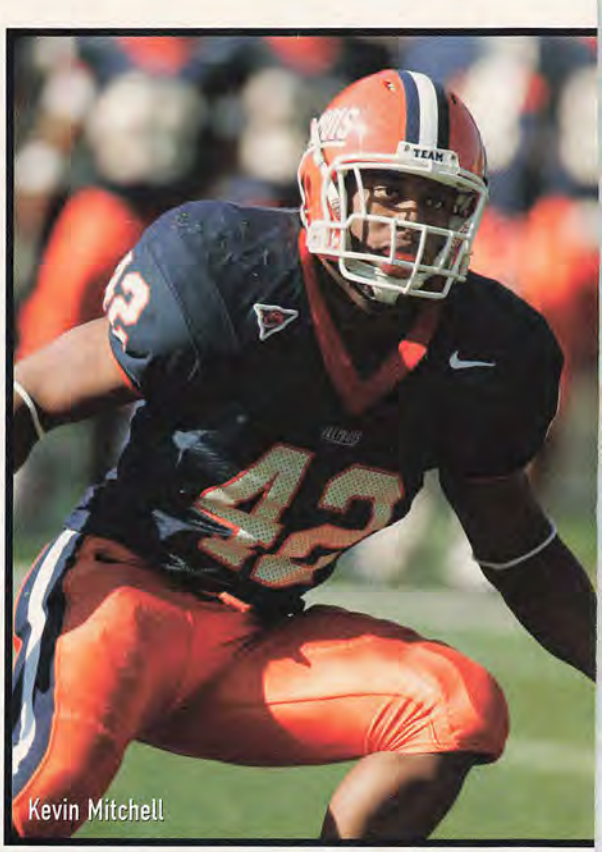
Defensive Backs Bad sign for a defense — when three of the four leading tacklers are from the secondary, including a cornerback. Okruch is hoping his guys can spend more time intercepting and knocking away passes and less time chasing ball-carriers down the field.

Both starting cornerbacks, junior Alan Ball and senior Sharriff Abdullah, are back, but prep school standout Dere Hicks arrived in the spring to challenge the two incumbents. Hicks held up well and could be a factor in the fall.

At safety, the Illini appear solid. Leading tackler Kevin Mitchell is back at strong safety, while No. 3 tackler Justin Harrison returns with the ability to play either safety spot. Harrison will be challenged by junior college transfer Justin Sanders, who was atop the depth chart at free safety at the end of spring. All three safeties will play plenty. Whoever doesn't start between Harrison and Sanders will serve as the nickel back.

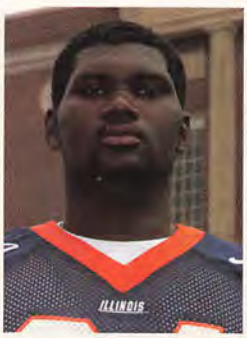
Specialists The return game is solid — Thomas is among the best kick returners in school history, and Halsey is also a reliable option on punt returns.

Placekicker Jason Reda made improvement from his freshman year, hitting 13-of-20 field goal attempts, with a career-best 52-yarder. Kyle Yelton takes over as punter from four-year starter Steve Weatherford, one of the best in school history. Yelton graduated high school early and participated in spring practice.


Kevin Mitchell

RISING STAR

Charles Myles' first two years were spent mostly on the sidelines. Late in 2005, the coaches made a switch that could alter Myles' future, moving him from the defensive line to the offensive line. Though raw technique-wise, Myles adapted well to the new position and will start at right tackle.



SCOUTING THE ILLINI

Opposing coaches size up Illinois: "I expected a little bit more from Ron Zook last year. The team just wasn't very competitive, and I don't think they played hard all the time. They were really bad on defense and still lack a lot in terms of team speed. They're just not as fast as everyone else and it really shows. Defensively, they don't tackle very well and haven't covered well for the last couple of years. You can really exploit them in the passing game....Zook is a good recruiter, and he's got a lot of energy, but it's going to take him a couple of years to restock the cupboards, so to speak....Neither one of their quarterbacks last year (Chris Pazan and Tim Brasic) was very effective, so I wouldn't be surprised if he went with the freshman (Isiah Williams). A lot of people wanted him, and he'll bring a little bit more mobility and big-play ability....They don't have any receivers who really put the fear of God in you, and the offensive line is below-average."

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Making a change The defensive coordinator shuffle continues at Illinois. Former head coach Ron Turner had three during his eight seasons (four if you count the temporary hiring of Phil Snow). Now, Ron Zook is on his second. He released Mike Mallory after the season and replaced him with former Colorado coordinator Vince Okruch. Mallory landed at Kansas.

Surprising move Midway through spring drills, quarterback coach Ed Zaunbrecher left to become co-offensive coordinator at Purdue. Zaunbrecher had come to Illinois after working with Zook at Florida.

Call him Coach Chris Pazan could have spent the spring competing with Tim Brasic for the starting quarterback job. Instead, he worked with the team as a student assistant. Because of repeated concussions, Pazan decided to give up his final season. He will be back in the fall as a graduate assistant.

Double player There weren't many spare minutes in the spring for Illinois receiver Kyle Hudson, who grabbed 31 passes as a freshman. Hudson joined the Illinois baseball team and was leading the team with a .413 average through the first week of May.

Ric Fogel

2006 ILLINOIS ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
19 Blalock, Paul	QB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Aurora, IL
15 Brasic, Tim	QB	6'2"	200	Sr.	Riverside, IL
12 Garza, Billy	QB	6'1"	225	So.	Brownsville, TX
14 Mullen, Cody	QB	6'0"	215	So.	Mattoon, IL
10 Venegoni, Mark	QB	6'1"	210	So.	Gurnee, IL
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
26 Halsey, E.B.	RB	5'10"	200	Sr.	Elizabeth, NJ
36 Haney, Maurice	RB	5'9"	210	So.	Harvey, IL
42 Ijei, Justin	RB	5'8"	215	Jr.	Chesterfield, MO
43 Levanti, Nick	RB	6'0"	230	So.	Champaign, IL
5 Mendenhall, Rashard	RB	5'11	210	So.	Skokie, IL
34 Mendenhall, Walter	FB	6'0"	225	So.	Skokie, IL
30 Thomas, Pierre	RB	5'11"	210	Sr.	Lynwood, IL
41 Weil, Russ	FB	6'0"	240	Jr.	Minooka, IL
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
2 Creamer, Bryant	WR	6'2"	200	So.	Chicago, IL
23 Eastman, Jack	WR	6'1"	185	Fr.	Naperville, IL
29 Ellis, Jody	WR	6'0"	195	So.	Evanston, IL
22 Frazier, Kieron	WR	6'3"	190	Jr.	Mason, OH
21 Hudson, Kyle	WR	5'11"	165	So.	Mattoon, IL
17 Jensen, Spencer	WR	6'1"	185	Jr.	Homer Glen, IL
13 Judson, Will	WR	5'8"	155	So.	Riverdale, GA
87 Kraemer, JR	TE	6'5"	235	So.	Wildwood, MO
82 Lenti Jr., Frank	WR	6'2"	185	Jr.	South Holland, IL
86 McClendon, Greg	WR	6'2"	220	So.	Columbus, GA
4 McPhearson, Derrick	WR	6'0"	195	So.	Hyattsville, MD
24 Mourans, Edgar	WR	6'1"	190	Jr.	Niles, IL
85 Nabolotny, Mike	TE	6'5"	250	So.	Glenview, IL
85 Ramshaw, Jay	TE	6'4"	245	Jr.	Champaign, IL
89 Sullivan, Tom	TE	6'4"	225	Fr.	Tinley Park, IL
8 Warren, DaJuan	WR	6'2"	205	Jr.	Southfield, MI
3 Wilkins, Marques	WR	6'0"	185	Fr.	Decatur, IL
28 Willis, Jacob	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Champaign, IL
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
69 Amundsen, Ben	OL	6'5"	310	Jr.	Moline, IL
63 Bergen, Will	OL	6'4"	275	Fr.	Tampa, FL
62 Block, Eric	OL	6'3"	290	So.	New Orleans, LA
59 Buckner, Kam	OL	6'2"	265	Jr.	Chicago, IL
65 Connor, Jonathan	OL	6'2"	290	So.	Lake Forest, IL
66 Hunt, Randall	OL	6'6"	295	Fr.	Hightstown, NJ
68 LaBonte, Jim	OL	6'7"	305	Jr.	Lombard, IL
67 Maddox, Matt	OL	6'3"	310	Sr.	Manasquan, NJ
60 McDonald, Ryan	OL	6'5"	300	So.	Holland, MI
69 Millington, Akim	OL	6'6"	310	Jr.	Norman, OK
58 Motuliak, Dan	OL	6'3"	300	So.	Lafayette, IN
76 Myles, Charles	OL	6'6"	320	Sr.	Chicago, IL
64 O'Donnell, Martin	OL	6'5"	300	Jr.	Downers Grove, IL
79 Ryan, James	OL	6'5"	315	Jr.	Batavia, IL
70 Scott, Trevor	OL	6'3"	280	Fr.	Fort Valley, GA
57 Simmons, J.J.	OL	6'5"	290	Sr.	Mishawaka, IN
71 Wall, Jack	OL	6'1"	270	Fr.	Bartlett, IL
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
92 Boyd III, Arthur	DL	6'2"	275	Sr.	Shaker Heights, OH
75 Chu, Immanuel	DL	6'2"	280	Fr.	Woodstock, GA
81 Davis, Will	DL	6'3"	235	So.	Greenbelt, MD
98 Fulton, Xavier	DL	6'5"	265	Jr.	Flossmoor, IL
85 Lindquist, David	DL	6'3"	280	So.	Highland Park, IL
65 Norris, Josh	DL	5'11"	270	Sr.	Springfield, IL
96 Norwell, Chris	DL	6'6"	290	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
95 Pilcher, Doug	DL	6'5"	260	Fr.	Hinsdale, IL
83 Sobol, Jeff	DL	6'3"	260	So.	Pevely, MO
91 Walker, Derek	DL	6'4"	270	So.	Glendale Heights, IL
93 Walker, Tremayne	DL	6'3"	290	So.	Tallahassee, FL
76 Ware, Mike	DL	6'3"	275	Jr.	Naperville, IL
58 Whalen, Bryson	DL	6'5"	245	Fr.	Freeport, IL
61 Wilk, Adam	DL	6'5"	275	Jr.	Lake Zurich, IL
56 Williams, Sirod	DL	6'0"	270	So.	Garfield Heights, OH
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
43 Carson III, Sam	LB	6'1"	245	So.	Woodridge, IL
39 Gillen, Conor	LB	6'2"	220	Fr.	Glen Ellyn, IL
47 Leman, J	LB	6'2"	240	Jr.	Champaign, IL
44 Miller, Brit	LB	6'1"	245	So.	Decatur, IL
45 Pittman, Rodney	LB	6'2"	235	So.	Fort Washington, MD
52 Porter, Sam	LB	6'1"	240	Fr.	Chicago, IL
38 Pryor, Troy	LB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Chicago, IL
40 Steele, Antonio	LB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
51 Thornhill, Anthony	LB	6'1"	220	Jr.	Detroit, MI
48 Willis III, Remond	LB	6'1"	240	So.	Lilbourn, MO
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
22 Abdullah, Sharriff	DB	5'8"	170	Sr.	Detroit, MI
24 Bailey Jr., Charles	DB	6'1"	195	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
18 Ball, Alan	DB	6'1"	175	Sr.	Detroit, MI
32 Harrison, Justin	DB	5'11"	220	Jr.	Bloomington, IL
28 Hicks, Dere	DB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Roanoke, VA
11 Hobson, Chris	DB	5'7"	190	Fr.	Chicago, IL
23 McMahon, Drew	DB	5'10"	175	Jr.	Champaign, IL
42 Mitchell, Kevin	DB	6'0"	200	Jr.	Ft. Wayne, IN
41 Mucha, Mike	DB	5'11"	220	Fr.	Orland Park, IL
46 Rouse, Tyler	DB	5'10"	195	Jr.	Champaign, IL
25 Sanders, Justin	DB	6'1"	205	Jr.	Pearl, MS
19 Scott, Quintin	DB	5'10"	195	Fr.	Gurnee, IL
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
56 Keely, Tyler	LS	6'1"	185	Jr.	Oswego, IL
49 Knezetic, Kyle	LS	6'0"	195	Jr.	Channahon, IL
13 Reda, Jason	K	6'1"	200	Jr.	Rock Island, IL
38 Wright, Doug	K	5'7"	180	Fr.	Metamora, IL
37 Yelton, Kyle	P	6'0"	180	Fr.	Chesterton, IN

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (9)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**21**	**Kyle Hudson**	**So.**
WR	**4**	**Derrick McPhearson**	**So.**
WR	29	Jody Ellis	So.
LT	69	Akim Millington	Jr.
LG	**64**	**Martin O'Donnell**	**Jr.**
C	**60**	**Ryan McDonald**	**So.**
RG	**67**	**Matt Maddox**	**Sr.**
RT	76	Charles Myles	Sr.
TE		Michael Hoomanawanui	Fr.
QB	**15**	**Tim Brasic**	**Sr.**
RB	30	Pierre Thomas	Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	28	Jacob Willis	Jr.
WR	3	Marques Wilkins	Fr.
WR	**8**	**DaJuan Warren**	**Jr.**
LT	**57**	**J.J. Simmons**	**Sr.**
LG	69	Ben Amundsen	Jr.
C	62	Eric Block	So.
RG	**79**	**James Ryan**	**Jr.**
RT	68	Jim LaBonte	Jr.
TE		Jeff Cumberland	Fr.
QB		Isiah Williams	Fr.
RB	26	E.B. Halsey	Sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (9)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**91**	**Derek Walker**	**So.**
DT	65	Josh Norris	Sr.
DT	**96**	**Chris Norwell**	**Jr.**
DE	**98**	**Xavier Fulton**	**Jr.**
LB	**47**	**J Leman**	**Jr.**
LB	**44**	**Brit Miller**	**So.**
LB	40	Antonio Steele	Jr.
CB	**22**	**Sharriff Abdullah**	**Sr.**
CB	**18**	**Alan Ball**	**Sr.**
SS	**42**	**Kevin Mitchell**	**Jr.**
FS	25	Justin Sanders	Jr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	81	Will Davis	So.
DT	85	David Lindquist	So.
DT	56	Sirod Williams	So.
DE	95	Doug Pilcher	Fr.
LB	43	Sam Carson	So.
LB	45	Rodney Pittman	So.
LB	**51**	**Anthony Thornhill**	**Jr.**
CB	28	Dere Hicks	Fr.
CB		Vontae Davis	Fr.
SS	32	Justin Harrison	Jr.
FS	32	Justin Harrison	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	13	Jason Reda	Jr.
P	37	Kyle Yelton	Fr.
KR	30	Pierre Thomas	Sr.
PR	26	E.B. Halsey	Sr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Ron Zook
Record at School: 2–9 (1 year)
Career Record: 25–23 (4 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Mike Locksley
Defensive Coordinator: Vince Okruch
Champaign, Ill.
Memorial Stadium (69,249)

2006 SIGNEES

Jon Asamoah	OL	6'5"	265	Park Forest, IL
Travon Bellamy	DB	6'0"	178	Greenbelt, MD
Jerry Brown	DE	6'4"	262	St. Louis, MO
Jeff Cumberland	TE	6'4"	230	Columbus, OH
Vontae Davis	DB	6'0"	184	Washington, DC
Chris Duvalt	DB	5'10"	159	Lakeland, FL
Garrett Edwards	DB	6'2"	192	Downers Grove, IL
Antonio Gully	DB	6'0"	175	St. Louis, MO
Dere Hicks	DB	5'10"	175	Roanoke, VA
Michael Hoomanawanui	TE	6'5"	230	Bloomington, IL
Randall Hunt	OL	6'6"	286	Hightstown, NJ
Anterio Jackson	LB	6'2"	240	Chicago, IL
Antonio James	DE	6'5"	252	Massillon, OH
Chris James	WR	6'0"	177	Chicago, IL
Dustin Jefferson	LB	6'0"	203	Kankakee, IL
Brandon Jordan	OL	6'5"	290	Merrillville, IN
Eddie McGee	QB	6'4"	189	Washington, DC
Joe Morgan	WR	6'2"	175	Canton, OH
Clay Nurse	DE	6'3"	235	Beltsvile, MD
Ryan Palmer	OL	6'7"	298	Canton, OH
Justin Sanders	DB	6'0"	205	Pearl, MS
Rahkeem Smith	LB	6'1"	220	Lombard, IL
Antonio Steele	LB	6'2"	210	Cleveland, OH
Marques Wilkins	WR	6'0"	182	Decatur, IL
Isiah Williams	QB	6'2"	207	Chicago, IL
Craig Wilson	OL	6'5"	290	Harvey, IL
Kyle Yelton	P	6-1	180	Chesterton, IN

To borrow from the late, great Howard Cosell: Miami's got the oranges, but Illinois has got the Juice. As in Isiah "Juice" Williams, the most talked-about football recruit at Illinois in years. Williams is part of Ron Zook's push into the talented Chicago Public League. Zook signed two other prospects from the conference, including a potential star receiver in Chris James. But Williams is the key. Once Zook landed the thrower/runner, the other pieces of a top 30-ranked class followed. If starting quarterback Tim Brasic struggles early in 2006, nobody will be surprised if Williams takes over. The coaches are counting on early help from James, defensive end Jerry Brown, tight end Jeff Cumberland, linebacker Rahkeem Smith, receiver Marques Wilkins and defensive backs Vontae Davis and Chris Duvalt. Zook has kept his promise to recruit Illinois hard, landing 10 of the state's best.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 2–9 (0–8 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 3	Rutgers	W (ot)	33–30	50,112
S. 10	San Jose State	W	40–19	49,276
S. 17	at California	L	20–35	57,657
S. 24	Michigan State	L	14–61	51,469
O. 1	at Iowa	L	7–35	70,585
O. 8	at Indiana	L	13–36	35,829
O. 22	Penn State	L	10–63	52,633
O. 29	Wisconsin	L	24–41	52,158
N. 5	at Ohio State	L	2–40	104,799
N. 12	at Purdue	L	3–37	57,611
N. 19	Northwestern	L	21–38	31,465

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Tim Brasic	**337**	**206**	**1,979**	**11**	**11**
Chris Pazan	34	16	182	1	3
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Pierre Thomas	**127**	**664**	**5.2**	**5**	
Tim Brasic	**151**	**420**	**2.8**	**3**	
E.B. Halsey	**84**	**349**	**4.2**	**1**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
E.B. Halsey	**38**	**185**	**4.9**	**2**	
Kyle Hudson	**31**	**469**	**15.1**	**1**	

Kicking: Jason Reda, 13-20 FGs, 20-20 XPs, 59 points
Tackles: Kevin Mitchell, 78; J Leman, 67
Sacks: Chris Norwell, 3

Returning Players in Bold

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Twelve seasons and counting. That's how long it has been since the Hoosiers last played in a bowl game. The streak includes a span of 134 games, 11 consecutive losing seasons, four head football coaches and four athletic directors.

And there's not a lot of reason to believe that the number 13 is going to be that lucky for Indiana football.

The biggest positives for IU are a schedule that includes seven home games and a wide receiving corps that features sophomore James Hardy, who was considered one of the nation's top receivers a year ago. He caught 61 passes for 893 yards and 10 touchdowns as a freshman.

The Hoosiers have depth at wide receiver and a capable quarterback in Blake Powers, who should be able to deliver the ball on target. But that's where the certainty ends and the uncertainty begins. Running back is a major question mark, with not a single tailback who played that position a year ago. The offensive line is young and inexperienced. The defensive line lost its two best players, as did the linebacking corps.

All of that is returning from a team that finished 4–7 a year ago, including losing its final six games of the season.

"We have a lot of holes to fill, but we feel like we've got some capable people that can get the job done," says Indiana second year head coach Terry Hoeppner. "We feel like we're a lot farther along than we were going into our first season, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us."

Quarterbacks Powers is coming off a big sophomore season. He set the Indiana single-season record with 22 touchdown passes. But the majority of those came in the first half of the season — against weak competition — and Powers will need to put a full season together in order for the Hoosiers to have a chance at getting to a bowl game for the first time since 1993. The bigger question for Powers isn't if he has the tools, it's if he has the offensive line to protect him.

If Powers struggles for any reason, IU has two capable backups in senior Graeme McFarland and redshirt freshmen Kellen Lewis. McFarland is a conventional drop-back passer, while Lewis reminds some of former IU quarterback Antwaan Randle El.

Running Backs As good as Indiana's passing game has the potential to be, the running game is a work in progress. In a nutshell, Indiana has zero experience at the position. The Hoosiers' top tailback prospect played wide receiver last season, and the other three candidates all redshirted as freshmen a year ago. And no one really emerged as the leader in the spring.

Marcus Thigpen is the wide receiver coming over and he has terrific speed — clocked at 4.29 in the 40. And he may need it behind Indiana's offensive line.

Demetrius McCray was the Hillsborough (Fla.) County Player of the Year in 2004 after rushing for 29 touchdowns. He is the leading candidate to challenge for the starting job.

Junior Josiah Sears will contribute at the fullback spot. He gained 103 yards on 24 attempts in 2005 after playing in every game in '04 without getting a single carry.

NUMBERS GAME

4 Indiana has won a total of four Big Ten games the past four years. IU has finished 1–7 in Big Ten play in each of the last four seasons, for a combined record of 4–28.

Receivers Hardy is a special talent who originally came to IU on a football scholarship but saw his future on the hardwood for the Indiana basketball team. One big-time season of college football, however, changed all of that, and basketball is firmly in Hardy's rear view mirror.

He scored touchdowns in seven of his first eight games and had five 100-yard receiving efforts last year. He has soft hands, power forward leaping ability and is a big play ready to happen.

Hardy isn't the only receiving threat, either. Jahkeen Gilmore, a 6'0" senior who started 10 games in 2005, is back after catching 30 passes for 383 yards last year. James Bailey caught 27 passes for 335 yards as a freshman. He will be expected to take on a larger role this fall.

The Hoosiers also have at least five other players who will push for action this year.

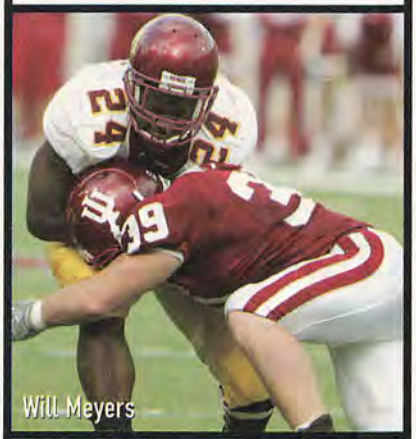
Offensive Linemen Hoeppner's favorite line with regards to the 2006 incoming recruiting class is that he has assembled the "seven blocks of limestone," with seven offensive linemen to build around in the future. He also has Notre Dame transfer Chauncey Incarnato, who sat out last season and now has three years of eligibility. The problem is that Hoeppner may need contributions from all of them right away.

Chris Mangiero returns after making all 11 starts at center last season, and Justin Frye has started 33 of the last 34 games at either right guard or right tackle. Look for Frye to start at left tackle. Everything else is up for grabs. Scott Anderson should get the first shot at right tackle, and former defensive linemen Kyle Thomas will get a long look at one of the guard spots.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE HOOSIERS

Two positions in particular will dictate how successful Indiana University football coach Terry Hoeppner is in his second season with the Hoosiers — offensive line and linebackers. IU is set at quarterback and the receiving corps is outstanding, but if Blake Powers doesn't have time to throw it could all matter very little. The same is true with IU's running game, which is handicapped by a lack of experience to begin with. But if the holes aren't there up front to run through, that lack of experience is going to be that much more noticeable. Look for at least one, and maybe two or three true freshmen to see some playing time up front in 2006. As for linebacker, IU lost two of its top defenders, Kyle Killion and John Pannozzo, at this position, and those that return appear better suited to play inside rather than out. And junior college transfer Vernon Smith played inside the past two seasons at Butler (Kan.) Community College, as well. Linebackers coach George Ricumstrict is going to be hard-pressed to find the right combination of outside linebackers from the current roster. So, while the Hoosiers might be improved in other areas, it appears that they are too weak in their areas of weaknesses to end an 11-year streak of losing records.



Will Meyers

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	Western Michigan	W
S.	9	at Ball State	W
S.	16	Southern Illinois	W
S.	**23**	**Connecticut**	*
S.	30	Wisconsin	L
O.	**7**	**at Illinois**	*
O.	14	Iowa	L
O.	21	at Ohio State	L
O.	28	Michigan State	L
N.	4	at Minnesota	L
N.	11	Michigan	L
N.	18	at Purdue	L

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Hardy: AJ Mast/Icon SMI; Meyers: Brad Schloss

Indiana WR

James Hardy

Defensive Linemen The lack of a big-time pass rush in recent seasons has hurt the Hoosiers defensively. Now, having lost its top two defensive ends from a year ago, things aren't looking particularly good up front for IU this season, either.

The Hoosiers are going to be looking for production from former backups Kenny Kendal and Tyler Altman. The coaching staff has high hopes for redshirt freshman Jammie Kirlew, a former Top 100 player from Florida who sat out last year. Also, Charlie Emerson, who started five games at tackle last year, will get a look at end.

Indiana is more experienced on the inside of the line, but it's experience from a group that gave up more than 200 yards rushing per game last season. Still, that extra year of experience should be a plus for junior Joe Kremer and sophomore Greg Brown, each of whom saw extensive action last year.

Linebackers The consistent thread through the last few years with coach Bill Mallory, five seasons with Cam Cameron, three seasons with Gerry DiNardo and the first year under Hoeppner is that the defense can't stop anyone. This year's big red flag position is linebacker.

Vernon Smith, a junior college transfer from Butler (Kan.) County is going to have to come in right away and start at an inside backer position. One thing that should help him is that Butler used the same defensive scheme last year as IU will this season, which should help Smith make a smooth transition from junior college to the Big Ten.

The most experienced returning players are senior Jake Powers and junior Adam McClurg, although they are primarily inside players. Indiana will need a young player to step up at outside linebacker.

Defensive Backs The Hoosiers return all four starters from a secondary that led the Big Ten in pass defense last season. Some of the reason for the success was that opponents were able to run on Indiana at will, but the fact remains that this group is IU's defensive cornerstone to build upon.

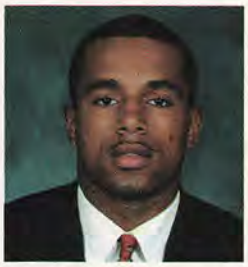
Senior safeties Will Meyers and Troy Grosfield were two of the top tacklers on the team, while junior cornerbacks Tracy Porter and Leslie Majors have made 33 collegiate starts between them. Porter, who had three interceptions, was the only Hooiser to intercept more than one pass last season. The key for this group will be whether IU's guys up front can put on enough of a pass rush so that the Hoosiers in the secondary aren't on an island for any longer than they have to be.

Specialists Joe Kleinsmith handled the placekicking duties at IU as a true freshman last season, but he is expected to move to the defensive backfield. Sophomore Kevin Trulock is his likely successor. Punter Tyson Beattie returns for his senior season after averaging a career-high 41.7 yards per punt in 2005.

IU's best weapon among its specialists is Lance Bennett, who ranked fourth in the nation in kick returns as a sophomore in 2004. He has the explosiveness to break a return at any time and should also see some action this season as a wide receiver.

Marcus Thigpen

RISING STAR



Demetrius McCray, a 5'11", 189-pound tailback, could be Indiana's primary ballcarrier this season before it's all said and done. McCray, a redshirt freshman from Brandon, Fla., rushed for 1,642 yards and scored 29 touchdowns as a high school senior.

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Lucky seven This season marks the fifth time in IU history that the Hoosiers have had seven home games. The other years were 1978 (4–3), 1993 (6–1), 1995 (2–5) and 1999 (3–4).

Strong starter Blake Powers threw 20 touchdown passes in the first six games last year, as the Hoosiers jumped out to a 4–2 start with wins over Central Michigan, Nicholls State, Kentucky and Illinois. He threw two touchdown passes in the last five games — all losses.

Hardy boy James Hardy scored 60 points to lead IU in scoring last season in football. As a freshman basketball player in the 2004-05 season, Hardy scored just 39 points.

Go for it The Hoosiers only attempted six field goals last season, and just two in the last seven games. In fact, the longest attempted field goal of the season was a successful 39-yarder against Ohio State.

38 = L Indiana's defense allowed 38 points or more in seven of its final eight games last season. The Hoosiers were 0–7 in those games. IU has lost 22 consecutive games when surrendering 38 points or more.

Brad Schloss

SCOUTING THE HOOSIERS

Opposing coaches size up Indiana: "They only won one game in the league last year, but I thought Indiana showed a lot of improvement. Terry Hoeppner is a really good coach and proved at Miami (Ohio) that he can produce quarterbacks. Blake Powers was one of the most improved players in the league last year. He's got a big arm and stays in the pocket well. He threw a lot of interceptions last year, but it was his first time in a new offense. James Hardy is an explosive player. He's such a tall receiver and goes up and gets the ball as well as anybody I've seen in the league. They found a real gem. They're really going to miss (Chris) Taylor because he was a bruising runner who made the passing game better. I don't know if they've got a guy coming back that can replace him. They've got to get better on the offensive line, too, because they throw the ball so much....On defense, they've just got to find a way to rush the passer. That would take a lot of pressure off their defensive backs."

2006 INDIANA ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
8 Hass, Dustin	QB	6'1"	210	Fr.	Ocono, WI
15 Lewis, Kellen	QB	6'1"	177	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
12 McFarland, Graeme	QB	6'1"	215	Sr.	Mountain Brook, AL
14 Powers, Blake	QB	6'4"	224	Jr.	Brandenburg, KY
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
23 Burns, Kenni	RB	5'11"	197	Jr.	Springfield, IL
38 Carrington, Justin	RB	6'0"	204	Fr.	Lessburg, VA
48 Harangody, Ty	FB	6'1"	239	Fr.	Schererville, IN
22 McCray, Demetrius	RB	5'11"	189	Fr.	Brandon, FL
21 Miles, Jeremy	RB	5'10"	212	Sr.	Cordova, TN
27 Payton, Bryan	RB	5'9"	208	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
42 Sears, Josiah	FB	6'0"	238	Jr.	Greenfield, IN
2 Thigpen, Marcus	RB	5'9"	182	So.	Detroit, MI
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
82 Bailey, James	WR	6'2"	199	So.	Detroit, MI
80 Banks, Chris	WR	6'2"	174	Fr.	Alliance, OH
3 Bennett, Lance	WR	5'6"	162	Sr.	Brooklyn, NY
47 Donnell, Taylor	TE	6'3"	222	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
85 Faires, Brian	TE	6'3"	257	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
1 Gilmore, Jahkeen	WR	6'0"	211	Sr.	Brooklyn, NY
86 Haan, Paul	WR	6'2"	182	Jr.	Lafayette, IN
82 Hardy, James	WR	6'7"	216	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
34 Kocal, Jake	WR	5'10"	182	Fr.	Valparaiso, IN
13 Means, Andrew	WR	6'0"	209	Fr.	Avon Lake, OH
83 O'Neal, Matt	TE	6'1"	229	Sr.	Terre Haute, IN
84 Polk, Nick	WR	6'0"	191	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI
89 Rudanovic, Chris	TE	6'4"	262	Sr.	Sussex, NJ
88 Sexton, Nick	TE	6'5"	250	Jr.	Bloomington, IN
29 Skelton, Ryan	WR	6'2"	205	Jr.	Greenwood, IN
81 Turner, Terrance	WR	6'3"	200	Fr.	Auburn Hills, MI
87 Wagner, Troy	TE	6'5"	238	Fr.	O'Fallon, IL
19 Walker-Roby, Brandon	WR	5'11"	177	So.	Indianapolis, IN
31 Welch, Kevin	WR	6'0"	190	Fr.	Newport Beach, CA
91 Zematis, Brian	TE	6'3"	234	Fr.	Bloomfield, MI
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
79 Anderson, Scott	OL	6'6"	308	Sr.	Lafayette, IN
57 Bern, Aaron	OL	6'4"	305	Fr.	Montgomery, AL
69 Edmundson, Sean	OL	6'4"	287	So.	Greenwood, IN
60 Frye, Justin	OL	6'5"	296	Sr.	Elwood, IN
70 Hearn, Paul	OL	6'4"	308	Jr.	Lennoxville, PQ
75 Incarnato, Chauncey	OL	6'5"	283	So.	Dover, OH
68 Joyce, Brandon	OL	6'4"	300	Jr.	St. Charles, MO
65 Kellam, Jeremiah	OL	6'3"	313	Jr.	Wabash, IN
77 Love, Jr., Kenny	OL	6'2"	290	So.	Pennington, NJ
74 Mangiero, Chris	OL	6'1"	305	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
58 Moses, Matt	OL	6'3"	290	So.	Columbus, IN
71 Oldham, Patrick	OL	6'1"	297	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
59 Reiter, Mike	OL	6'2"	287	Fr.	Chesterfield, MO
50 Sandberg, Johnathan	OL	6'2"	290	Jr.	Monon, IN
67 Thomas, Kyle	OL	6'4"	290	So.	Bloomington, IN
61 Wyss, Ben	OL	6'1"	280	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
52 Altman, Tyler	DL	6'0"	255	Jr.	Latrobe, PA
53 Bass, Emile	DL	6'3"	288	Fr.	Detroit, MI
63 Boone, Fabiene	DE	6'4"	240	Fr.	Evansville, IN
62 Brown, Greg	DT	6'2"	303	So.	Centerville, OH
93 Emerson, Charlie	DL	6'5"	266	Jr.	Weston, CT
97 Jones, Neal	DL	6'4"	253	Fr.	Orlando, FL
92 Kendal, Kenny	DE	6'3"	248	Sr.	Chicago, IL
95 Kremer, Joe	DT	6'2"	295	Jr.	Urbana, OH
72 Luce, Nick	DT	6'2"	272	Jr.	Vincennes, IN
90 Newman, Todd	DT	6'4"	274	Fr.	Bartlett, IL
96 Wolf, Arik	DE	6'3"	238	So.	Lawrenceburg, IN
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
40 Bailey, Josh	LB	6'1"	208	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
56 Johnson, Geno	LB	6'2"	204	So.	Bartow, FL
36 Kinsey, Dan	LB	6'3"	198	Fr.	Wellsville, OH
57 Kirlew, Jammie	LB	6'4"	238	Fr.	Orlando, FL
35 Marando, Ryan	LB	6'2"	240	So.	Lakewood, OH
51 McClurg, Adam	LB	6'0"	230	Jr.	Greenwood, IN
24 Mitchell, Aaron	LB	5'11"	190	Jr.	South Holland, IL
63 Nowinski, Casey	LB	6'1"	224	so.	Merrillville, IN
46 Powers, Jake	LB	6'1"	230	Sr.	Danville, IN
49 Price, Isaac	LB	6'1"	235	So.	Southfield, MI
37 Weeks, Greg	LB	5'11"	222	So.	Sarasota, FL
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
21 Calhoun, Rayshun	CB	5'10"	197	So.	Atlanta, GA
5 Grosfield, Troy	S	6'0"	182	Sr.	Littleton, CO
31 Hampton, Bruce	CB	5'10"	184	Fr.	University Hts., OH
33 Kleinsmith, Joe	DB/K	5'11"	167	So.	Cleveland, OH
28 Majors, Leslie	CB	5'9"	159	Jr.	South Holland, IL
25 McClurg, Eric	S	5'11"	213	Sr.	Greenwood, IN
39 Meyers, Will	S	5'11"	201	Sr.	Ballwin, MO
26 Mosley, Brandon	S	5'8"	194	So.	Merrillville, IN
16 Phillips, Chris	CB	5'11"	176	So.	Atlanta, GA
9 Porter, Tracy	CB	5'10"	181	Jr.	Port Allen, LA
42 Ramsey, Major	DB	5'8"	159	Fr.	Kokomo, IN
45 Reid, Tim	DB	6'0"	218	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
41 Sergi, Tim	DB	6'2"	208	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
20 Thomas, Austin	S	6'2"	192	Fr.	Woodstock, GA
29 Williams, Jerry	DB	5'9"	210	Fr.	Merrillville, IN
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
44 Beattie, Tyson	P	6'1"	204	Sr.	Attadale, Australia
55 Bugg, Brandon	LS	6'0"	226	Fr.	Mishawaka, IN
54 Bugg, Tim	LS	6'0"	249	Jr.	Mishawaka, IN
93 Hines, Michael	P/K	5'11"	199	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
18 Starr, Austin	K	6'2"	199	So.	Logansport, IN
96 Trulock, Kevin	K	6'0"	180	So.	Indianapolis, IN

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (4)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**1**	**Jahkeen Gilmore**	**Sr.**
WR	8	Nick Polk	Fr.
WR	82	James Hardy	So.
WR	6	James Bailey	So.
LT	**60**	**Justin Frye**	**Sr.**
LG	67	Kyle Thomas	So.
C	74	Chris Mangiero	Sr.
RG	50	Jonathan Sandberg	Jr.
RT	79	Scott Anderson	Sr.
QB	**14**	**Blake Powers**	**Jr.**
RB	**2**	**Marcus Thigpen**	**So.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	80	Chris Banks	Fr.
WR	13	Andrew Means	Fr.
WR	29	Ryan Skelton	Jr.
WR	19	Brandon Walker-Roby	So.
LT	58	Matt Moses	So.
LG	70	Paul Hearn	Jr.
C	61	Ben Wyss	Jr.
RG	77	Kenny Love	So.
RT	75	Chauncey Incarnato	So.
QB	12	Graeme McFarland	Jr.
RB	22	Demetrius McCray	Fr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (4)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	93	Charlie Emerson	Jr.
NG	95	Joe Kremer	Jr.
DT	62	Greg Brown	So.
DE	92	Kenny Kendal	Sr.
SLB	24	Aaron Mitchell	Jr.
MLB		Vernon Smith	Jr.
WLB	56	Geno Johnson	So.
CB	**28**	**Leslie Majors**	**Jr.**
CB	**9**	**Tracy Porter**	**Jr.**
SS	**5**	**Troy Grosfield**	**Sr.**
FS	**39**	**Will Meyers**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	52	Tyler Altman	Jr.
NG	90	Todd Newman	Fr.
DT	53	Emile Bass	Fr.
DE	53	Jammie Kirlew	Fr.
SLB	36	Dan Kinsey	Fr.
MLB	51	Adam McClurg	Jr.
WLB	40	Josh Bailey	Fr.
CB	16	Chris Phillips	So.
CB	33	Joe Kleinsmith	So.
SS	25	Eric McClurg	Sr.
FS	20	Austin Thomas	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	1	Kevin Trulock	So.
P	44	Tyson Beattie	Sr.
KR	3	Lance Bennett	Sr.
PR	3	Lance Bennett	Sr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Terry Hoeppner
Record at School: 4–7 (1 year)
Career Record: 52–31 (7 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Bill Lynch
Co-Defensive Coordinators:
Brian George, Joe Palcic
Bloomington, Ind.,
Memorial Stadium (52,180)

2006 SIGNEES

James Brewer	OL	6'8"	295	Indianapolis, IN
Aaron Burks	S	5'11"	190	Phoenix, AZ
Adrian Burks	RB/WR	6'0"	186	Phoenix, AZ
Ben Chappell	QB	6'3"	215	Bloomington, IN
Richard Council	CB	6'1"	170	Carrolton, TX
Cody Faulkner	OL	6'5"	306	Cicero, IN
Ray Fisher	WR	5'9"	167	Cleveland, OH
Deonte Mack	DT	6'3"	275	Elkhart, IN
Brad Martin	TE	6'4"	230	Marion, OH
Matt Mayberry	LB	6'2"	205	Darien, IL
Greg Middleton	DE	6'3"	260	Indianapolis, IN
William Patterson	LB	6'1"	210	Indianapolis, IN
Alex Perry	OL	6'7"	251	Morris, IL
Mandela Roberts	LB	6-0"	220	Lufkin, TX
Rodger Saffold	OL	6'5"	275	Bedford, OH
Jeff Sanders	TE	6'4"	235	Springfield, IL
Pete Saxon	OL	6'6"	310	Plain City, OH
Jarrod Smith	OL	6'4"	278	Fairborn, OH
Vernon Smith	LB	5'11"	230	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Mike Stark	OL	6'7"	285	Platteville, WI

The flavor of the 2006 IU recruiting class came be summed up in two words — big and fast. This isn't to suggest that IU's class is ranked high nationally (which it is not), or even considered good by Big Ten standards. Although the class is ranked near the bottom of the conference, Terry Hoeppner was able to address several needs with his second recruiting class. Specifically, IU focused on offensive line depth and defensive speed. The Hoosiers signed seven offensive linemen who average 6'6", 285 pounds, including three players who are 6'7" or taller. Defensively, five of the eight defensive signees have been timed at 4.6 or better in the 40-yard dash. "This class was exactly what we needed, and some in the class will have an opportunity to make an early impact on the field," Hoeppner says. Junior College transfer Vernon Smith should play right away at linebacker, and true freshman Cody Faulkner is one of the offensive linemen who could potentially see action his first season.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 3–8 (1–7 Big Ten)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	2	at Central Michigan	W	20–13	22,212
S.	10	Nicholls State	W	35–31	27,600
S.	17	Kentucky	W	38–14	40,240
O.	1	at Wisconsin	L	24–41	82,330
O.	8	Illinois	W	36–13	35,829
O.	15	at Iowa	L	21–38	70,585
O.	22	Ohio State	L	10–41	52,866
O.	29	at Michigan State	L	15–46	74,063
N.	5	Minnesota	L	21–42	30,656
N.	12	at Michigan	L	14–41	110,580
N.	19	Purdue	L	14–41	50,023

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Blake Powers	**376**	**212**	**2,305**	**22**	**16**
Graeme McFarland	**25**	**10**	**91**	**2**	**0**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Chris Taylor	156	740	4.7	4	
Yamar Washington	127	443	3.5	1	
Blake Powers	**100**	**121**	**1.2**	**4**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
James Hardy	**61**	**893**	**14.6**	**10**	
Marcus Thigpen	**32**	**432**	**13.5**	**2**	

Kicking: Joe Kleinsmith, 3-6 FGs, 31-34 XPs, 40 points
Tackles: Kyle Killion, 91; Will Meyers, 84
Sacks: Victor Adeyanju, 6.5
Interceptions: Tracy Porter, 3

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast 16 | **Big Ten Prediction** 3rd

Fed up with underestimating Iowa for three consecutive seasons, prognosticators finally bought into the hype last year and ranked the Hawkeyes among the nation's elite teams. But once again, the prognosticators were wrong about Kirk Ferentz's crew. The Hawkeyes finished 7–5 and were eliminated from the national title hunt in September after suffering embarrassing defeats at Iowa State (23–3) and Ohio State (31–6). Even more damaging were the back-to-back losses at home to Michigan and at Northwestern by a combined four points.

Iowa returns 14 starters, but Ferentz expects the prognosticators to be more skeptical. "I don't see us getting the same national attention," he says. "Personally, my expectations are the same every year. But those things definitely do affect the way people think. We've always encouraged our guys to be consistent with their approach. I'm not sure that happens all the time."

Overshadowed by the failed expectations was the fact that Iowa played in a January bowl game for the fourth season in a row. The young defensive line also went from being a weakness in the first half of the season to a strength in the second half. Albert Young rushed for 1,334 yards in 2005, the fourth-highest single-season total in school history. And quarterback Drew Tate didn't make first-team All-Big Ten as he did as a sophomore in 2004, but he actually had more passing yards last season.

Tate is among seven starters returning on offense, including three linemen. The biggest concern is at receiver, where starters Ed Hinkel and Clinton Solomon have to be replaced. It also won't be easy replacing All-America linebackers Chad Greenway and Abdul Hodge or four-year starting cornerbacks Jovon Johnson and Antwan Allen, but the program appears to be in a reloading mode.

Quarterbacks Tate didn't work the same magic last season as he did in 2004, but he still was among the Big Ten's most productive quarterbacks. He passed for 2,828 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior last season. Senior Jason Manson is expected to back up Tate for the third consecutive season, but Manson also will play receiver. Manson practiced at both positions during spring drills, causing some to wonder if highly touted redshirt freshman Jake Christensen was being groomed as Tate's backup.

Running Backs Young finally stayed healthy long enough to become a star in the making. He shed the prone-to-injury label, leading the Big Ten in rushing in conference games with 1,002 yards, and he seemed to get better and faster as the season progressed. Young's patience and his elusive running style fit perfectly with Iowa's zone blocking schemes.

Junior backup Damian Sims is arguably the team's most explosive player. He had Iowa's three longest runs from scrimmage, including a 71-yard TD against Minnesota. Sophomore bruiser Shonn Greene (5'11", 225) is to power what Sims is to speed.

Junior Tom Busch returns at fullback after starting all 12 games last season. His blocking played a key role in Young's success. Senior Champ Davis and redshirt freshman Kalvin Bailey also will be in the mix at fullback.

NUMBERS GAME

3 Iowa's returning receivers accounted for only three touchdowns last season, all by junior Herb Grigsby.

Receivers By the end of spring practice, junior Herb Grigsby and senior Calvin Davis had emerged as replacements for Hinkel and Solomon. Grigsby has the most experience among the receivers after starting three games last season. Davis started four games in 2003 and has 36 career receptions. The only other receiver to start a game is sophomore speedster Andy Brodell. Junior Eric McCollom, a converted quarterback, is one of the best athletes on the team, but his transition to receiver has been slowed by injuries and inconsistency. Redshirt freshman Trey Stross comes highly regarded from Ohio and could help immediately. Incoming freshman James Cleveland also could crack the rotation. And don't forget about Manson.

In contrast, tight end is probably the deepest position on the team. Scott Chandler led Iowa with 47 catches for 552 yards. Sophomore Tony Moeaki and senior Ryan Majerus also made key contributions.

Offensive Linemen Nobody is comparing this group to Iowa's 2002 line, which featured three All-Big Ten performers, but there is reason to be optimistic. Three starters return, led by senior Mike Elgin, who was expected to shift back to center after playing right guard last season. However, redshirt freshman Rafael Eubanks worked as the No. 1 center near the end of spring practice, while Elgin switched back to right guard. Senior left guard Mike Jones has started since he was a freshman, and senior Marshal Yanda started the final eight games at right tackle last season. Sophomore Dace Richardson played extensively as a true freshman and now starts at left tackle. Another player to watch is redshirt freshman tackle Dan Doering, who was considered one of the top high school recruits in the nation two years ago.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE HAWKEYES

The offense should be explosive and balanced, assuming quarterback Drew Tate and running back Albert Young both stay healthy and the new receivers progress. Tate struggled at times last season, but he still passed for nearly 3,000 yards. He should be even better as a senior. Young proved that he could run between the tackles last season and that he could be a weapon out of the backfield. He caught 24 passes for 244 yards a year ago. His versatility, coupled with Tate's creativity in the pocket, will keep defenses guessing. The tight end position should be a force, with the 6'7" Scott Chandler leading the way. The defensive line made incredible strides last season and now is the strength of the defense. There could be some problems at linebacker without Chad Greenway and Abdul Hodge, but the cupboard hardly is bare at those positions. The cornerback positions have to be addressed, but Adam Shada and Charles Godfrey both played extensively in their first two seasons and they are bigger than both Antwan Allen and Jovon Johnson. The kicking game is solid, but the return specialists are inexperienced.

Albert Young

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	Montana	W
S.	9	at Syracuse	W
S.	16	Iowa State	W
S.	23	at Illinois	W
S.	30	Ohio State	L
O.	7	Purdue	W
O.	14	at Indiana	W
O.	**21**	**at Michigan**	*
O.	28	Northern Illinois	W
N.	4	Northwestern	W
N.	**11**	**Wisconsin**	*
N.	18	at Minnesota	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Tate: Larry Smith; Young: Courtland Richards

Iowa QB

Drew Tate

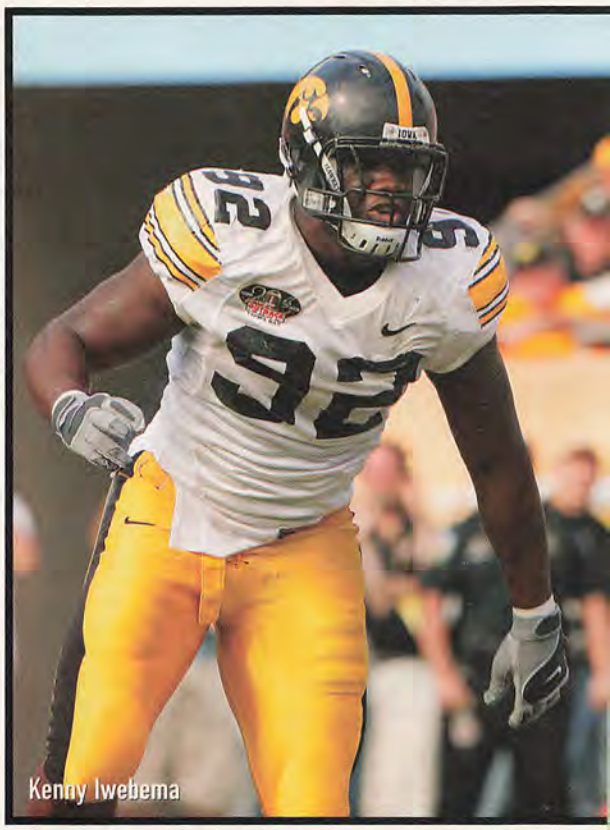
Defensive Linemen The same group that surrendered 314 rushing yards at Ohio State in September held Wisconsin to 19 rushing yards in November — and all the key players last season were freshmen and sophomores. You'd be hard-pressed to find a defensive lineman in the Big Ten who improved more during the course of last season than Mitch King. The linebacker-turned-tackle was named to several freshmen All-America teams and was an honorable mention All-Big Ten pick after posting 10.5 tackles for a loss.

Junior defensive end Kenny Iwebema returns after making first-team All-Big Ten last season. He had 48 tackles, including 10 for a loss, seven sacks, a forced fumble and two blocked kicks. Junior Bryan Mattison started all 12 games at the other defensive end position last season and had statistics that were similar to Iwebema's. Matt Kroul started all 12 games at tackle as a freshman last season, but he also shared the position with fellow freshman Ryan Bain. Alex Kanellis also played as a true freshman last season.

Linebackers Life after Chad Greenway and Abdul Hodge resumed in the spring with guarded optimism. And while you can't replace arguably the best linebacker duo to play at Iowa, there are plenty of candidates willing to try. Senior Edmond Miles returns after starting all 12 games last season at outside linebacker. He has since been moved to weak-side linebacker, the position vacated by Greenway. Junior Mike Humpal is expected to start at outside linebacker after performing well during the spring. Senior Zach Gabelmann and junior Mike Klinkenborg will compete for playing time at middle linebacker, with junior college transfer Bryon Gattas also figuring in the mix. Gabelmann was a star on special teams last season. Another player to watch is incoming freshman Jeremiha Hunter, a 2005 second-team *USA TODAY* All-American and the prize of this year's recruiting class.

Defensive Backs Defensive backs coach Phil Parker has to do something he hasn't done since before the 2002 season: break in two new starting cornerbacks. Juniors Adam Shada and Charles Godfrey are the leading candidates to replace Johnson and Allen, with sophomore Bradley Fletcher also competing for playing time. The two safety positions are in good hands with seniors Marcus Paschal and Miguel Merrick returning as proven starters. Paschal has 23 career starts and Merrick has 12. Redshirt freshman Corey Robertson also drew high praise from the coaches in the spring after switching from running back to strong safety.

Specialists Senior kicker Kyle Schlicher made second-team All-Big Ten and was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award last season. He made 17-of-21 field-goal attempts and 43-of-44 PAT kicks in 2005. Senior Andy Fenstermaker averaged 38.5 yards as the starting punter last season and had 21 punts downed inside 20-yard line. He might have to improve on those marks this season or risk losing his job to incoming freshman Ryan Donahue, who many regarded as the top high school punter in the country last season. One of the priorities this spring was finding somebody to replace Hinkel and Jovon Johnson as the No. 1 punt returner. Grigsby could have the edge heading into the season. There are plenty of candidates to return kicks, led by Young and Sims.


Kenny Iwebema

RISING STAR

Redshirt freshman Rafael Eubanks went from being the No. 3 center to the starter by the end of spring practice. The St. Paul, Minn., native gave up no sacks in high school and was named Gatorade Player of the Year in Minnesota as a senior.

SCOUTING THE HAWKEYES

Opposing coaches size up Iowa: "I was really hoping Kirk Ferentz would leave for the NFL this year because everybody is tired of dealing with him. His teams are well-coached and as fundamentally sound as any team in the country. They tackle really, really well and that's a sign of a guy that coached under Bill Belichick. Drew Tate is the best quarterback in the league. He can make all the throws, has great footwork and rarely makes mistakes. They lost their two big receivers, but they've got some other guys coming back that can catch the ball. Albert Young runs hard and is a little bit faster than what I thought he was, and Damian Sims can take it the distance every time he touches it. They're going to miss the two great linebackers (Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway) because they don't get those kind of athletes very often."

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

No spring game The annual spring game is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. The renovation of Kinnick Stadium and the risk of injury have convinced Kirk Ferentz to go in another direction.

We like it here Iowa hasn't had a coaching change since before the start of the 2002 season. Seven of the 10 assistants have been with Ferentz since he took over in 1999. The newest member of the staff is Darrell Wilson, who is entering his fifth season.

Hey, that's my seat 2006 marks the beginning of a new seating arrangement at Kinnick Stadium where fans actually pick their seats. The order in which fans pick is based on a seniority system, with season ticket holders and large donors having first choice.

Mr. Robertson's neighborhood One of the highlights of spring practice was the performance of redshirt freshman Corey Robertson after he switched from running back to strong safety. "He's a big guy who can run back there," Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker says of Robertson, who is listed at 6'1", 222 pounds. "He's an athlete. He can be a special player at strong safety."

Courtland Richards

2006 IOWA ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
6 Christensen, Jake	QB	6'1"	205	Fr.	Lockport, IL
16 Manson, Jason	QB	6'1"	195	Sr.	Bloomfield, CT
5 Tate, Drew	QB	6'0"	192	Sr.	Baytown, TX
13 Zundel, Blake	QB	6'3"	218	Fr.	Marion, IA
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
36 Bailey, Kalvin	RB	6'0"	240	Fr.	Tampa, FL
8 Brown, Dana	RB	5'10"	203	Fr.	Clairton, PA
48 Brownlee, Sam	RB	5'10"	200	Sr.	Emmetsburg, IA
35 Busch, Tom	FB	5'11"	231	Jr.	Cottage Grove, MN
46 Davis, Champ	FB	6'2"	238	Sr.	Plano, TX
45 Greene, Shonn	RB	5'11"	225	So.	Sicklerville, NJ
8 Hulst, Westin	FB	6'3"	248	Sr.	Gladbrook, IA
37 McGrath, Gavin	FB	6'2"	231	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
28 Sims, Damian	RB	5'9"	185	Jr.	Boynton Beach, FL
21 Young, Albert	RB	5'10"	209	Jr.	Moorestown, NJ
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
98 Blum, Tyler	TE	6'6"	260	Fr.	Walnut, IA
80 Brodell, Andy	WR	6'3"	193	So.	Ankeny, IA
87 Chandler, Scott	TE	6'7"	257	Sr.	Southlake, TX
82 Christian, Kennon	WR	6'2"	209	Jr.	Davenport, IA
97 Cox, Lucas	TE	6'4"	247	So.	Springdale, PA
22 Davis, Calvin	WR	6'1"	197	Sr.	Iowa City, IA
4 Grigsby, Herb	WR	6'0"	175	Jr.	Mayflower, AR
30 Majerus, Ryan	TE	6'3"	245	Sr.	Oelwein, IA
7 McCollom, Eric	WR	6'0"	190	Jr.	Camden, SC
81 Moeaki, Tony	TE	6'4"	250	So.	Wheaton, IL
83 Myers, Brandon	TE	6'4"	242	So.	Prairie City, IA
85 Sabers, Michael	TE	6'5"	240	So.	Iowa City, IA
86 Stross, Trey	WR	6'3"	190	Fr.	Avon Lake, OH
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
72 Aeschliman, Wesley	OL	6'8"	315	So.	Bloomfield, IA
55 Aumaitre, Nyere	OL	6'5"	295	So.	Camden, NJ
95 Bentler, Ted	OL	6'4"	276	So.	Davenport, IA
58 Bruggeman, Rob	C	6'3"	280	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
67 Brugman, Zach	OL	6'5"	242	So.	Solon, IA
60 Calloway, Kyle	OL	6'7"	295	Fr.	Belleville, IL
79 Doering, Dan	T	6'7"	290	Fr.	Barrington, IL
56 Dunn, Rashad	G	6'3"	290	So.	Evans, GA
54 Elgin, Mike	G	6'4"	288	Sr.	Bankston, IA
52 Eubanks, Rafael	C	6'3"	288	Fr.	St. Paul, MN
77 Huntrods, Clint	OL	6'5"	270	Sr.	Collins, IA
76 Jones, Mike	G	6'5"	302	Sr.	Chicago Ridge, IL
68 Kuempel, Andy	T	6'7"	295	Fr.	Marion, IA
42 Narinskiy, Anton	OL	6'4"	260	So.	Chagrin Falls, OH
71 Olsen, Seth	G	6'5"	301	So.	Omaha, NE
72 Payton, Andrew	OL	6'5"	290	So.	Waterloo, IA
78 Postler, Austin	OL	6'5"	277	So.	Iowa City, IA
78 Richardson, Dace	T	6'6"	306	So.	Wheaton, IL
50 Ryther, Bryan	OL	6'2"	274	Sr.	Marion, IA
73 Yanda, Marshal	T	6'4"	305	Sr.	Anamosa, IA
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
66 Bain, Ryan	DT	6'2"	282	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
64 Collins, Justin	DE	6'2"	250	Fr.	Ft. Worth, TX
93 Ewen, Ettore	DL	6'0"	275	So.	Tampa, FL
92 Iwebema, Kenny	DE	6'4"	270	Jr.	Arlington, TX
91 Jackson, Vernon	DT	6'1"	265	Fr.	Orlando, FL
96 Kanellis, Alex	DE	6'4"	281	So.	Iowa City, IA
47 King, Mitch	DT	6'3"	264	So.	Burlington, IA
53 Kroul, Matt	DT	6'3"	271	So.	Mount Vernon, IA
77 Leonard, Jerry	DE	6'6"	250	So.	Pelican Rapids, MN
99 Mattison, Bryan	DE	6'3"	272	Jr.	Mishawaka, IN
90 McCracken, Grant	DE	6'3"	245	So.	Ankeny, IA
86 Meade, Travis	DL	6'0"	280	Fr.	Iowa City, IA
58 Oberland, Jared	DL	6'0"	242	So.	Whitefish Bay, WI
56 Stork, Robert	DE	6'5"	255	Jr.	Sioux Falls, SD
65 Willcox, Alex	DL	6'2"	280	Jr.	West Des Moines, IA
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
43 Angerer, Pat	LB	6'1"	222	Fr.	Bettendorf, IA
39 Brevi, Chris	LB	6'2"	232	Jr.	Tampa, FL
51 Gabelmann, Zachary	LB	6'1"	233	Sr.	Bettendorf, IA
89 Geary, Chad	LB	6'3"	220	Fr.	Tipton, IA
44 Humpal, Mike	LB	6'2"	232	Jr.	New Hampton, IA
59 Isgrig, Jon	LB	6'1"	235	So.	Newton, IA
40 Klinkenborg, Mike	LB	6'2"	240	Jr.	Rock Rapids, IA
17 Kuehl, Chris	LB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Rock Rapids, IA
38 McLaughlin, Jordan	LB	6'0"	227	So.	Belmond, IA
27 Miles, Edmond	LB	6'1"	228	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
57 Travers, B.J.	LB	6'1"	235	Fr.	Westlake, OH
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
2 Dalton, Harold	DB	6'1"	192	So.	Camden, NJ
3 Dawkins, Ma'Quan	CB	5'9"	166	Sr.	Bridgeton, NJ
10 Edwards, Justin	DB	6'1"	165	Fr.	Garland, TX
29 Fletcher, Bradley	CB	6'2"	195	So.	Youngstown, OH
13 Godfrey, Charles	CB	6'1"	208	Jr.	Baytown, TX
15 Merrick, Miguel	SS	6'0"	203	Sr.	Union City, NJ
14 Moylan, Devan	SS	5'10"	201	Sr.	Panora, IA
25 Paschal, Marcus	FS	6'0"	207	Sr.	Largo, FL
9 Price, Khaliq	DB	6'2"	198	Sr.	Sicklerville, NJ
31 Robertson, Corey	SS	6'1"	222	Fr.	Denison, TX
34 Rowell, Chris	DB	6'1"	187	Fr.	Warrensville Hts., OH
19 Shada, Adam	CB	6-1	185	Jr.	Omaha, NE
11 Wilson, Marcus	FS	6-3	198	Fr.	Pennsauken, NJ
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
4 Chupka, Jonathan	K	6-1	226	Jr.	Davenport, IA
6 Fenstermaker, Andy	P	6-3	225	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant, IA
31 Karr, Griffin	K	5-10	185	So.	Delray Beach, FL
65 Olszta, Daniel	LS	5-11	222	Jr.	New Lenox, IL
1 Schlicher, Kyle	K	5-9	184	Sr.	Ankeny, IA

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	22	Calvin Davis	Sr.
WR	4	Herb Grigsby	Jr.
LT	78	Dace Richardson	So.
LG	**76**	**Mike Jones**	**Sr.**
C	52	Rafael Eubanks	Fr.
RG	**54**	**Mike Elgin**	**Sr.**
RT	**73**	**Marshal Yanda**	**Sr.**
TE	**87**	**Scott Chandler**	**Sr.**
QB	**5**	**Drew Tate**	**Sr.**
FB	**35**	**Tom Busch**	**Jr.**
RB	**21**	**Albert Young**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	80	Andy Brodell	So.
WR	7	Eric McCollom	Jr.
LT	68	Andy Kuempel	Fr.
LG	56	Rashad Dunn	So.
C	58	Rob Bruggeman	So.
RG	71	Seth Olsen	So.
RT	79	Dan Doering	Fr.
TE	81	Tony Moeaki	So.
QB	16	Jason Manson	Sr.
FB	46	Champ Davis	Sr.
RB	28	Damian Sims	Jr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**92**	**Kenny Iwebema**	**Jr.**
DT	**53**	**Matt Kroul**	**So.**
DT	**47**	**Mitch King**	**So.**
DE	**99**	**Bryan Mattison**	**Jr.**
OLB	44	Mike Humpal	Jr.
MLB	40	Mike Klinkenborg	Jr.
WLB	**27**	**Edmond Miles**	**Sr.**
CB	19	Adam Shada	Jr.
CB	13	Charles Godfrey	Jr.
SS	**15**	**Miguel Merrick**	**Sr.**
FS	**25**	**Marcus Paschal**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	96	Alex Kanellis	So.
DT	66	Ryan Bain	So.
DT	91	Vernon Jackson	Fr.
DE	64	Justin Collins	Fr.
OLB	41	Bryon Gattas	Jr.
MLB	51	Zach Gabelmann	Sr.
WLB	43	Pat Angerer	Fr.
CB	3	Ma'Quan Dawkins	Sr.
CB	29	Bradley Fletcher	So.
SS	14	Devan Moylan	Sr.
FS	11	Marcus Wilson	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	1	Kyle Schlicher	Sr.
P	6	Andy Fenstermaker	Sr.
KR	28	Damian Sims	Jr.
PR	4	Herb Grigsby	Jr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz
Record at School: 49–36 (7 years)
Career Record: 61–57 (10 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Ken O'Keefe
Defensive Coordinator: Norm Parker
Iowa City, Iowa
Kinnick Stadium (70,397)

2006 SIGNEES

Anthony Bowman	WR	5'11"	165	Detroit, MI
Paul Chaney, Jr.	WR	5'9"	160	St. Louis, MO
Adrian Clayborn	DE	6'3"	250	St. Louis, MO
James Cleveland	WR	6'1"	185	Baytown, TX
Ryan Donahue	P/K	6'3"	180	Evergreen Park, IL
Dominique Douglas	WR	6'1"	186	Detroit, MI
A.J. Edds	TE	6'4"	224	Greenwood, IN
Bryon Gattas	LB	6'1"	232	Mt. Prospect, IL
Jeremiha Hunter	LB	6'2"	217	York, PA
Troy Johnson	LB	6'2"	215	Lakeland, FL
Karl Klug	DE	6'4"	220	Caledonia, MN
Brett Morse	LB	6'3"	220	Willowbrook, IL
Arvell Nelson	QB	6'4"	175	Cleveland, OH
Derrick Smith	DB	6'0"	195	Cleveland, OH
Amari Spievey	DB	6'0"	175	Middletown, CT
Richard Stanzi	QB	6'4"	200	Mentor, OH
Jeff Tarpinian	DB	6'3"	205	Omaha, NE
Lance Tillison	DB	6'2"	205	Seffner, FL

This group lacks the star power of the 2005 recruiting class, but it addresses needs at linebacker and at quarterback. Jeremiha Hunter was considered the top linebacker in Pennsylvania last season and one of the best in the country. He waited until right before Signing Day in February to pick Iowa over Penn State, Tennessee and Connecticut. Adrian Clayborn was widely regarded as the top prospect in Missouri and is being projected as a defensive end. Iowa also signed two high school quarterbacks from Ohio: Arvell Nelson and Richard Stanzi. The preference would be to redshirt both of them this season. The Hawkeyes improved their speed at the skill positions by signing Paul Chaney from Missouri and Anthony Bowman from Michigan. Chaney is a state champion in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. He also finished second in the 200 at nationals and posted the sixth-fastest time in the nation in the 100 as a junior. Bowman was a two-time state champion in the 200 and twice finished runner-up in the 100. He and Chaney both are expected to play receiver and return kicks and punts.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 7–5 (5–3 Big Ten)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	3	Ball State	W	56– 0	70,585
S.	10	at Iowa State	L	3–23	54,290
S.	17	Northern Iowa	W	45–21	70,585
S.	24	at Ohio State	L	6–31	105,225
O.	1	Illinois	W	35– 7	70,585
O.	8	at Purdue	W	34–17	64,785
O.	15	Indiana	W	38–21	70,585
O.	22	Michigan	L	20–23	70,585
N.	5	at Northwestern	L	27–28	34,550
N.	12	at Wisconsin	W	20–10	83,184
N.	19	Minnesota	W	52–28	70,585
J.	2	#Florida	L	24–31	65,881
		#Outback Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Drew Tate	**352**	**219**	**2,828**	**22**	**7**
Jason Manson	**48**	**24**	**230**	**0**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Albert Young	**249**	**1,334**	**5.4**	**8**	
Damian Sims	**30**	**296**	**9.9**	**4**	
Shonn Greene	**37**	**173**	**4.7**	**1**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Scott Chandler	**47**	**552**	**11.7**	**2**	
Clinton Solomon	46	800	17.4	7	

Kicking: **Kyle Schlicher, 17-21 FGs, 43-44 XPs, 94 points**
Tackles: Abdul Hodge, 158; Chad Greenway, 156
Sacks: **Kenny Iwebema, 7**
Interceptions: Jovon Johnson, 3; **Adam Shada, 3**

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast 13 **Big Ten Prediction** 2nd

This is as low as it gets for University of Michigan football. That's the belief the Wolverines are clinging to after their worst season in 21 years.

They didn't fall as far as some other traditional powers have in recent years and endure a losing season, but five losses just doesn't cut it in Ann Arbor. Neither do four losses in five seasons to Ohio State, three defeats in four seasons to Notre Dame and three consecutive bowl game implosions.

With the flames of fickle alumni licking the feet of coach Lloyd Carr, the coaching staff was revamped to bring a new approach. Changes were especially necessary on defense, where the Wolverines have continually faltered in late-game situations in recent seasons.

Defense coordinator Jim Herrmann was pushed out after highly regarded secondary coach Ron English accepted an assistant coaching job with the Chicago Bears. Offered the coordinator's job, English changed his mind and remained on Carr's staff. Linebackers coach Steve Szabo and cornerbacks coach Ron Lee are newcomers. Mike DeBord has replaced Terry Malone as the offensive coordinator, though DeBord is an old hand.

"There's always a lot of fresh, new ideas that come in when you have coaching changes," Carr says. "I think that's always healthy."

As long as quarterback Chad Henne stays healthy, the offense should be dynamic. English and the rest of the defensive staff have six returning starters at their disposal but have to come up with new schemes to solve the team's red zone blues.

Quarterbacks Statistically, Henne was nearly as good in his sophomore year as he was during his brilliant freshman campaign when he led the Wolverines to the Rose Bowl. He threw 23 touchdown passes compared to only eight interceptions and completed 58.4 percent of his passes.

Scratch below the surface, and Henne did not play as efficiently as his numbers suggest. He played too mechanically and missed open receivers, and he had trouble when defenses tried to confuse him at the line of scrimmage. He also didn't embrace the leadership role when the losses started to add up.

Henne showed greater maturity during spring practices.

"What I see is a different guy in terms of his total confidence in what he's doing and what he needs to do," Carr said.

If Henne suffers a significant injury, the Wolverines might need a miracle to avert another sub-par season. Last year's backup, Matt Gutierrez, transferred to I-AA Idaho State, and sophomore Antonio Bass suffered a devastating knee injury prior to spring practice. Bass will probably redshirt.

The alternatives are redshirt freshman Jason Forcier, who ran the scout team last season, and true freshman David Cone.

Running Backs The 1-2 punch of Michael Hart and Kevin Grady should be among the nation's best if Hart can avoid the injuries that sidetracked his sophomore season.

Hart, an undersized slasher with surprising power, missed four games and was limited in several others by ankle and hamstring injuries. After leading the Big Ten is rushing as a true freshman, Hart saw his yards per carry average drop from 5.2 to 4.4 and his yardage tumble from 1,455 to 662.

The bruising Grady, one of the most highly touted prospects in recent years, had a solid but unspectacular freshman season. He didn't show much of a burst for a player who set Michigan prep records for touchdowns and rushing yards. He has trimmed some baby fat to improve his quickness.

NUMBERS GAME

5 The Wolverines' five losses last season were the most at Michigan since the 1984 team went 6–6 under legendary coach Bo Schembechler.

Receivers Steve Breaston, who has game-breaking talent, was a major disappointment as a junior. Partly because of nagging injuries, Breaston caught only 26 passes and scored only two receiving touchdowns as a junior. He needs to do a better job of getting open, and DeBord has to design routes to make better use of Breaston's ability.

In contrast, Mario Manningham exceeded all expectations as a true freshman. Working as a third receiver, Manningham stretched defenses and showed a nose for the end zone. He scored six touchdowns, including the last-second game-winner against Penn State, and averaged 16.0 yards per catch. Now, he must prove he can continue to play that way against the opponent's best cornerback.

Carl Tabb, Doug Dutch, Adrian Arrington and LaTerryal Savoy will be pushed by hotshot freshman Greg Mathews for the No. 3 receiver spot.

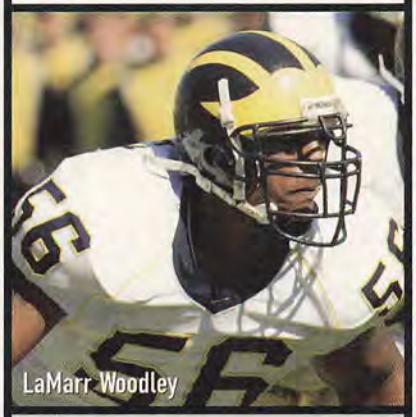
Tight end Tyler Ecker (6'6", 247) presents a huge target for Henne and should be an All-America candidate.

Offensive Linemen Jake Long, making the move from right tackle to left tackle, anchors a line that lost three starters to graduation. The 6'7", 316-pound Long returned from offseason shoulder surgery and a training camp ankle injury to upgrade the line during the second half of last season. He will be

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE WOLVERINES

After its worst season in 21 years, Michigan has the offensive tools to bounce back into the Big Ten race and national championship picture. The biggest concern with the offensive unit is the lack of depth at the most crucial position. Junior Chad Henne has already established himself as one of the Big Ten's top quarterbacks, but none of his backups have ever taken a snap. Tailback Mike Hart needs to bounce back from an injury-plagued sophomore season and re-establish the form he showed as a freshman, when he led the conference in rushing. Wide receiver Steve Breaston has to be more of a factor in the passing game, and an offensive line that lost three starters must find a rhythm before the Big Ten season commences. New defensive coordinator Ron English must find more playmakers to help defensive end LaMarr Woodley and cornerback Leon Hall. The Wolverines finished 10th in the conference in red zone defense and also gave up crucial fourth-quarter scores in losses to Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio State and Nebraska.



LaMarr Woodley

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	Vanderbilt	W
S.	9	Central Michigan	W
S.	**16**	**at Notre Dame**	*
S.	23	Wisconsin	W
S.	30	at Minnesota	W
O.	7	Michigan State	W
O.	14	at Penn State	W
O.	**21**	**Iowa**	*
O.	28	Northwestern	W
N.	4	Ball State	W
N.	11	at Indiana	W
N.	**18**	**at Ohio State**	*

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Henne: John Grieshop; Hart: Woodley: John Grieshop

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Michigan QB
Chad Henne

trusted to protect Henne's blindside.

Mark Bihl and Adam Kraus split at center last season, but Bihl was so impressive in spring practice that Kraus will see most of his snaps at guard this season. Fifth-year senior Reuben Riley can play a variety of positions, but right tackle is probably where he'll wind up this season. Alex Mitchell and Jeremy Ciulla are the top candidates at right guard, though both are battling weight issues.

Defensive Linemen Senior defensive end LaMarr Woodley is the unit's top playmaker, leading the squad in tackles for a loss (16) and sacks (7) last season. But his overall tackles were down, and Carr expects more from his most talented defensive player.

"He should be prepared to be a great football player," Carr says.

The rest of the defensive line spots are up for grabs, though 6'6" Alan Branch will certainly play a big role after recording five sacks last season. Terrance Taylor has the potential to be a superior run stuffer at nose guard.

Linebackers Though outside linebackers Prescott Burgess and Chris Graham and inside linebacker David Harris are back, there could be some upheaval at those positions. This unit did not produce enough big plays and allowed far too many ball-carriers to break long runs — ranking ninth in the Big Ten in rushing defense.

Harris led the team with 88 tackles and is the only one who should feel relatively comfortable about retaining his spot.

Senior Shawn Crable is primed for a breakout season. "He has really turned it up," Carr said during spring practices.

Inside linebacker John Thompson should also play a prominent role.

Defensive Backs Michigan is solid at one cornerback spot with senior Leon Hall, an All-Big Ten second-team selection. Hall still needs to come up with a few more takeaways than his four interceptions of a year ago to give this unit some teeth. Morgan Trent, who started five games last season, is receiving a strong push from Johnny Sears and Charles Stewart for the other starting cornerback job.

Ryan Mundy's junior season was a washout because of a severe shoulder injury. If Mundy can reclaim the free safety spot that he held down as a sophomore, this unit will improve dramatically. That would allow last year's starter, Willis Barringer, to return to a backup role.

Brandent Englemon and Jamar Adams share the strong safety spot.

Specialists Garrett Rivas, one of the nation's most experienced kickers, has made 19 field goals in each of the past two seasons. Rivas has made some clutch kicks during his career but still needs to improve his consistency. He's also never made a field goal longer than 47 yards in 61 career attempts.

Zoltan Mesko was expected to win the punting job as a true freshman but flopped in training camp. He gets a second chance this season to displace senior Ross Ryan, who averaged 38.3 yards per punt last fall.

Breaston already holds the school record for career punt return yardage and is second in kickoff return yardage. He only brought back one return for a touchdown last season, but he's a threat to go the distance every time he touches the ball.

Mike Hart

RISING STAR

Sophomore Terrance Taylor made only one tackle as a true freshman, but he's expected to become a crucial part of Michigan's defensive scheme. Coach Lloyd Carr believes the 6'0", 305-pound Taylor could develop into one of the finest nose guards in the country.

SCOUTING THE WOLVERINES

Opposing coaches size up Michigan: "I think the program has really gotten a little stale the last couple of years. They're still recruiting the blue-chip players that Michigan always gets, but those guys just haven't produced. I think Lloyd Carr gets the benefit of the doubt because some of his best players were hurt last year....Chad Henne is a great quarterback with a big-time arm. I think he struggled with his confidence at times. Mike Hart has to stay healthy. The guy is capable of winning the Heisman Trophy, but he's got to be on the field. Henne is a lot better when Hart is in the game because they keep defenses honest....They really lacked a big-play receiver last year. Maybe it's (Mario Manningham), but he's a little thin and struggled to stay healthy. They've got everybody coming back on defense, which may or may not be a good thing."

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

All in the family Sophomore tight end Mike Massey's college football bloodlines run deep. Last season, he was on the roster along with his older brother Pat, who played defensive tackle at Michigan and was a senior co-captain. Their father, Jim, played at Notre Dame (1968-71) and their older brother, Jim Jr., played at Ohio State (1997-2001).

All in the family, part II Sophomore tailback Kevin Grady will see his younger brother more often in the future. Kelvin Grady, a star basketball player for East Grand Rapids High School in Michigan, has given Wolverines basketball coach Tommy Amaker a verbal commitment to play at Michigan. The younger Grady is entering his senior prep year this fall.

That's Mister, Mister The full name of sophomore running back Mister Simpson is Mister John Alexander Simpson. His father decided when Mister was born that he wanted his son to be respected and giving him that name would give him that esteem. The younger Simpson redshirted last season but will start gaining respect on the field this fall.

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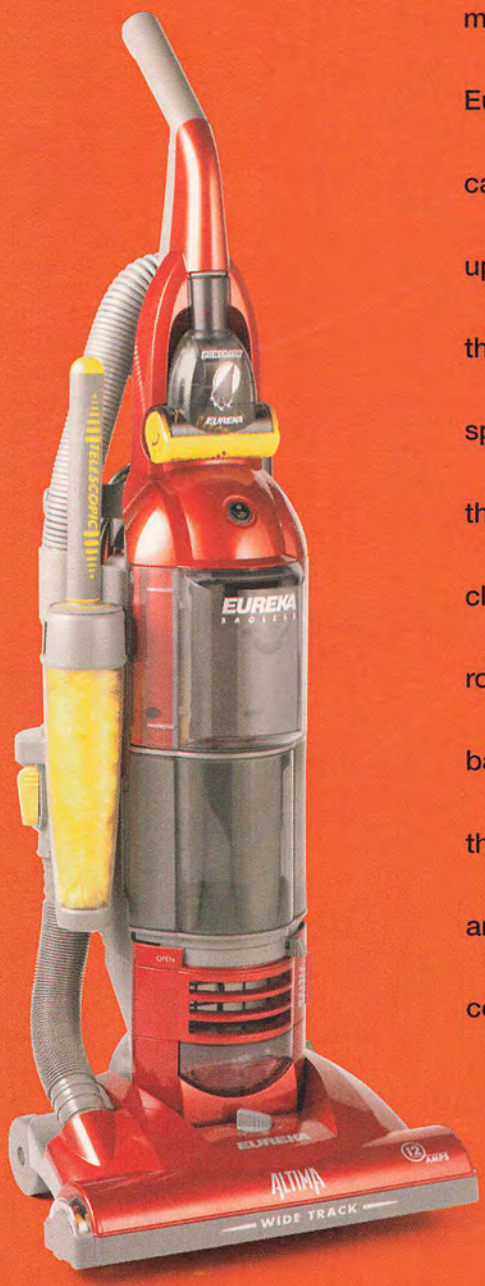

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Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
18 Bass, Antonio	QB	6'0"	203	So.	Jackson, MI
19 Forcier, Jason	QB	6'2"	206	Fr.	San Diego, CA
7 Henne, Chad	QB	6'2"	223	Jr.	Wyomissing, PA
13 Kastl, Jeff	QB	6'3"	222	Sr.	Clinton Township, MI
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
26 Bradley, Alijah	RB	5'6"	171	Sr.	Richmond, CA
23 Brown, Carlos	RB/DB	6'0"	206	Fr.	Franklin, GA
39 Criswell, Andre	FB	6'1"	254	Fr.	Detroit, MI
3 Grady, Kevin	RB	5'9"	216	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
20 Hart, Mike	RB	5'9"	198	Jr.	Syracuse, NY
40 Oluigbo, Obi	FB	6'0"	234	Sr.	Laurel, MD
34 Paul, Will	FB	6'3"	252	Jr.	Chesterfield, MO
32 Simpson, Mister	RB	5'10"	210	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
35 Thompson, Brian	FB/TE	6'2"	238	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
16 Arrington, Adrian	WR	6'3"	187	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
15 Breaston, Steve	WR	6'1"	182	Sr.	North Braddock, PA
85 Butler Jr., Carson	TE	6'4"	254	Fr.	Detroit, MI
81 Dutch, Doug	WR	5'11"	195	So.	Bowie, MD
89 Ecker, Tyler	TE	6'6"	247	Sr.	El Dorado Hills, CA
86 Manningham, Mario	WR	6'0"	187	So.	Warren, OH
83 Massey, Mike	TE	6'4"	234	So.	Brecksville, OH
82 Savoy, LaTerryal	WR	6'2"	203	Fr.	Mamou, LA
17 Tabb, Carl	WR	6'2"	204	Sr.	Ann Arbor, MI
18 Wright, Ben	WR	5'9"	193	Jr.	Grosse Pointe, MI
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
54 Bihl, Mark	C	6'5"	297	Sr.	Wash. Ct. House, OH
65 Boren, Justin	OL	6'4"	308	Fr.	Pickerington, OH
70 Ciulla, Jeremy	G	6'4"	292	So.	Kennesaw, GA
64 DeBenedictis, Grant	OL	6'5"	296	So.	Boca Raton, FL
74 Gallimore, Brett	G	6'4"	298	So.	Parkville, MO
76 Kolodziej, Mike	T	6'7"	307	Sr.	Joliet, IL
57 Kraus, Adam	G/C	6'6"	295	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
77 Long, Jake	T	6'7"	316	Jr.	Lapeer, MI
60 Lyall, Patrick	OL	6'0"	279	Jr.	Adrian, MI
62 McAvoy, Tim	OL	6'5"	288	Fr.	Bloomington, IL
73 Mitchell, Alex	G	6'5"	311	So.	Reese, MI
60 Moosman, David	OL	6'4"	298	Fr.	Libertyville, IL
71 Ortmann, Mark	OL	6'6"	299	Fr.	Klein, TX
72 Riley, Rueben	T	6'4"	303	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
62 Saigh, Jon	OL	6'4"	289	Jr.	Kingsford, MI
78 Schifano, Justin	OL	6'4"	299	Fr.	Webster, NY
68 Sharrow, Pat	OL	6'5"	298	Sr.	Monroe, MI
75 Zirbel, Cory	T	6'5"	297	Fr.	Murray, KY
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
91 Biggs, Rondell	DE	6'3"	275	Sr.	Southfield, MI
80 Branch, Alan	DT	6'6"	330	Jr.	Rio Rancho, NM
96 Germany, Eugene	DE	6'2"	279	Fr.	Pomona, CA
90 Jamison, Tim	DE	6'3"	249	Jr.	Riverdale, IL
97 Johnson, Will	DT	6'5"	291	So.	Oakland, MI
63 Knill, Mike	DL	6'5"	270	Sr.	Rochester Hills, MI
44 McKinney, James	DT	6'2"	279	Fr.	Louisville, KY
58 North, Tim	DE	6'1"	246	So.	Linden, MI
67 Taylor, Terrance	DT	6'0"	305	So.	Muskegon, MI
50 Van Alstyne, Jeremy	DE	6'4"	267	Sr.	Greenwood, IN
95 Walton, Marques	DT	6'0"	291	So.	Chicago, IL
56 Woodley, LaMarr	DE	6'2"	268	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
6 Burgess, Prescott	OLB	6'3"	246	Sr.	Warren, OH
2 Crable, Shawn	OLB	6'5"	245	Jr.	Massillon, OH
37 Graham, Chris	OLB	5'11"	225	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
45 Harris, David	ILB	6'2"	242	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
46 Logan, Brandon	ILB	6'0"	218	So.	Lexington, KY
42 McLaurin, Chris	OLB	6'3"	246	Fr.	Rochester Hills, MI
28 Moore, Dan	ILB	6'0"	234	Sr.	Canton, MI
55 Opong-Owusu, Ohene	LB	6'1"	238	So.	West Bloomfield, MI
97 Pollock, Max	OLB	6'1"	218	Sr.	Takoma Park, MD
49 Thompson, John	ILB	6'1"	231	So.	Detroit, MI
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
22 Adams, Jamar	S	6'2"	215	Jr.	Charlotte, NC
19 Barringer, Willis	S	6'0"	205	Sr.	Toledo, OH
9 Campbell, Anton	S	5'11"	193	Jr.	O'Fallon, MO
26 Carl, Mike	S	6'0"	205	Sr.	Troy, MI
27 Edwards, Shakir	DB	6'0"	209	Jr.	Detroit, MI
31 Englemon, Brandent	S	5'11"	205	Jr.	Covington, KY
29 Hall, Leon	CB	5'11"	193	Sr.	Vista, CA
37 Harrison, Brandon	S	5'8"	205	So.	Dayton, OH
4 Hood, Darnell	CB	5'11"	193	Sr.	Detroit, MI
12 Hornaday, Matt	S	5'10"	188	So.	Germantown, MD
37 Logan, James	DB	5'9"	189	Jr.	Detroit, MI
21 Mundy, Ryan	S	6'1"	205	Sr.	Wilkins Township, PA
38 Opong-Owusu, B.J.	S	5'11"	201	Sr.	West Bloomfield, MI
22 Plummer, Kyle	CB	5'10"	169	Sr.	Milford, MI
28 Richards, Chris	CB	5'11"	176	Fr.	Pacoima, CA
25 Sears Jr., Johnny	CB	6'0"	189	Fr.	Fresno, CA
5 Stewart, Charles	CB	6'1"	196	So.	Farmington Hills, MI
14 Trent, Morgan	CB	6'1"	192	So.	Brighton, MI
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
61 Booth, Turner	LS	6'2"	257	Sr.	Baltimore, MD
34 Gingell, Jason	K	5'9"	188	Jr.	Northville, MI
59 Griffin, Sean	LS	6'2"	234	Jr.	Livonia, MI
84 Lopata, K.C.	K	6'2"	217	Jr.	Farmington, MI
41 Mesko, Zoltan	P	6'4"	218	Fr.	Twinsburg, OH
92 Olesnavage, Jason	K	6'4"	205	So.	Ferndale, MI
38 Rivas, Garrett	K	5'9"	217	Sr.	Tampa, FL
3 Ryan, Ross	P	6'1"	205	Sr.	Franklin, MI

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**15**	**Steve Breaston**	**Sr.**
WR	86	Mario Manningham	So.
LT	**77**	**Jake Long**	**Jr.**
LG	**57**	**Adam Kraus**	**Jr.**
C	54	Mark Bihl	Sr.
RG	73	Alex Mitchell	So.
RT	72	Rueben Riley	Sr.
TE	89	Tyler Ecker	Sr.
QB	**7**	**Chad Henne**	**Jr.**
FB	40	Obi Oluigbo	Sr.
TB	**20**	**Mike Hart**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	81	Doug Dutch	So.
WR	17	Carl Tabb	Sr.
LT	75	Cory Zirbel	Fr.
LG	74	Brett Gallimore	So.
C	57	Adam Kraus	Jr.
RG	70	Jeremy Ciulla	So.
RT	76	Mike Kolodziej	Sr.
TE	83	Mike Massey	So.
QB	19	Jason Forcier	Fr.
FB	**35**	**Brian Thompson**	**Sr.**
TB	3	Kevin Grady	So.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	90	Tim Jamison	Jr.
NG	67	Terrance Taylor	So.
DT	**80**	**Alan Branch**	**Jr.**
DE	**56**	**LaMarr Woodley**	**Sr.**
OLB	2	Shawn Crable	Jr.
ILB	**45**	**David Harris**	**Sr.**
OLB	**6**	**Prescott Burgess**	**Sr.**
CB	5	Charles Stewart	So.
CB	**29**	**Leon Hall**	**Sr.**
SS	**31**	**Brandent Englemon**	**Jr.**
FS	21	Ryan Mundy	Sr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	50	Jeremy Van Alstyne	Sr.
NG	95	Marques Walton	So.
DT	44	James McKinney	Fr.
DE	91	Rondell Biggs	Sr.
OLB	37	Chris Graham	Jr.
ILB	49	John Thompson	So.
OLB	42	Chris McLaurin	Fr.
CB	14	Morgan Trent	So.
CB	25	Johnny Sears	Fr.
SS	22	Jamar Adams	Jr.
FS	19	Willis Barringer	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	38	Garrett Rivas	Sr.
P	3	Ross Ryan	Sr.
KR	15	Steve Breaston	Sr.
PR	15	Steve Breaston	Sr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Lloyd Carr
Record at School: 102–34 (11 years)
Career Record: 102–34 (11 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Mike DeBord
Defensive Coordinator: Ron English
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Michigan Stadium (107,501)

2006 SIGNEES

Greg Banks Jr.	DE	6'6"	245	Denver, CO
Justin Boren	OL	6'4"	305	Pickerington, OH
Carlos Brown	RB	6'0"	195	Franklin, GA
Stevie Brown	DB	6'0"	195	Columbus, IN
David Cone	QB	6'6"	205	Statesboro, GA
Perry Dorrestein	OL	6'7"	300	Plainfield, IL
Obinna Ezeh	LB/FB	6'2"	213	Grand Rapids, MI
John Ferrara	DT	6'5"	265	Staten Island, NY
Brandon Graham	LB	6'2"	240	Detroit, MI
Jason Kates	DT	6'4"	325	Harrisburg, PA
Greg Mathews	WR	6'3"	180	Orlando, FL
Brandon Minor	RB	6'0"	215	Richmond, VA
Cobrani Mixon	LB	6'2"	206	Cincinnati, OH
Jonas Mouton	DB	6'2"	212	Los Angeles, CA
Quintin Patilla	LB	6'2"	205	Flint, MI
Adam Patterson	DE	6'3"	260	Columbia, SC
Stephen Schilling	OL	6'5"	285	Bellevue, WA
Quintin Woods	TE	6'6"	220	Flint, MI
Bryan Wright	K	6'1"	200	Salem, OH

Michigan did not land a super blue-chip prospect like Kevin Grady, Chad Henne or LaMarr Woodley, but its recruiting class was still generally considered among the nation's top 15. The class shored up some defensive holes and added depth to the offensive skill positions. Local prospect Brandon Graham is an explosive, physical linebacker who could provide immediate help. Another linebacker, Cobrani Mixon, is an adept run-stopper. Defensive end Adam Patterson could help the Wolverines' pass rush. Stevie Brown and Jonas Mouton are physical defensive backs who could bull their way into the rotation. Offensively, wide receiver Greg Mathews is a big target with superior leaping ability. Carlos Brown could get a shot at tailback if Mike Hart's injury problems resurface. David Cone is a tall, immobile quarterback in the John Navarre mold and will be third on the depth chart (by default) entering camp.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 7–5 (5–3 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 3	Northern Illinois	W	33–17	110,971
S. 10	Notre Dame	L	10–17	111,386
S. 17	Eastern Michigan	W	55– 0	109,511
S. 24	at Wisconsin	L	20–23	83,022
O. 1	at Michigan State	W (ot)	34–31	79,401
O. 8	Minnesota	L	20–23	111,117
O. 15	Penn State	W	27–25	111,249
O. 22	at Iowa	W (ot)	23–20	70,585
O. 29	at Northwestern	W	33–17	47,130
N. 12	Indiana	W	41–14	110,580
N. 19	Ohio State	L	21–25	111,591
D. 28	#Nebraska	L	28–32	62,016
	#Alamo Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Chad Henne	**382**	**223**	**2,526**	**23**	**8**
Matt Gutierrez	22	14	133	0	0
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Mike Hart	**150**	**662**	**4.4**	**4**	
Kevin Grady	**121**	**483**	**4.0**	**5**	
Jerome Jackson	54	228	4.2	3	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Jason Avant	82	1,007	12.3	8	
Mario Manningham	**27**	**433**	**16.0**	**6**	

Kicking: Garrett Rivas, 19-26 FGs, 33-35 XPs, 90 points
Tackles: David Harris, 88; Grant Mason, 85
Sacks: LaMarr Woodley, 7
Interceptions: Leon Hall, 4

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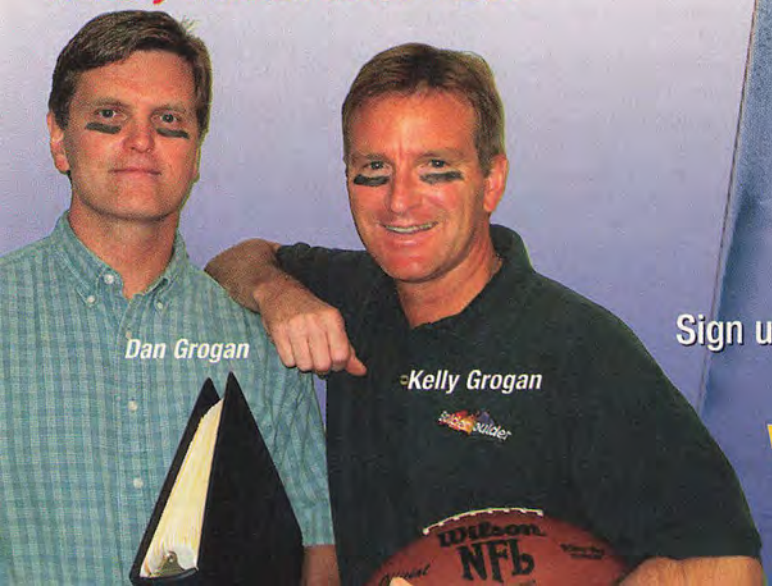

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John L. Smith was hired to lift Michigan State back into Big Ten title contention, at least occasionally. Heading into his fourth season with the Spartans, the well-paid Smith still seems at least a year away from thinking about a championship. But Michigan State has the goods to get back to a bowl game and maybe pull a stunner here and there.

"We are coming off the best spring we've ever had at Michigan State," says Smith. "We are getting better over there on defense. We are running to the ball better."

With a healthy Drew Stanton at quarterback, experienced receivers, proven running backs and a promising offensive line, the Spartans will be dangerous. The defense will not be great, but its depth has improved. This should curtail the wearing-down process, which had a hand in last year's nosedive after a 4–0 start and a No. 11 ranking.

"Michigan State has been known for beating teams they are not supposed to beat, and then losing games they shouldn't lose," says Stanton. "We want to erase that reputation and gain the type of consistency where we can win week-in and week-out."

Considering how well Michigan State played at times in 2005, it's not hard to visualize Stanton getting his wish. But consistency will not be achieved until the defense fixes all its leaks and a placekicker emerges. There is potential for both.

Quarterbacks Stanton was on the short list of Heisman Trophy candidates entering October of last year. His team is not strong enough to keep him in the hunt for the hardware, but he can scare opposing defensive coordinators all by himself.

He throws well on the run or in the pocket, which comes in handy in Smith's pitch-and-catch system. Stanton rushed for more than 600 yards as a sophomore and can move the chains with his feet when Michigan State employs the zone option. His 66-percent completion rate keeps safeties honest.

Look for Stanton to take fewer risks through the air, and for the Spartans to move the ball between the 20s as well as any team in the conference, and maybe America. But if placekicking remains horrific, Stanton will once again feel pressured to force passes in the red zone. This is where Michigan State must improve to enjoy a breakthrough.

Running Backs Javon Ringer says he wasn't 100 percent healthy when he rushed for 817 yards as a freshman, averaging a whopping 6.7 per carry. Now fully recovered from a high school knee injury, Ringer could prove to be as good as any ball carrier in the conference. He has the vision and explosiveness to become the Big Ten's answer to West Virginia's spread sprinter Steve Slaton.

Jehuu Caulcrick, who rushed for 619 yards as a freshman in 2004, has bulked up to 250 pounds while maintaining nifty feet.

Receivers Jerramy Scott needs 40 catches to replace Andre Rison as the school's all-time leader. He is reliable on hot reads against blitzes but needs to become more assertive in the red zone.

Kerry Reed led the team with five touchdown receptions and should improve in his second year in the system. Matt Trannon (76 catches in the last two seasons) combines a strong 6'6" frame with enough athleticism to hold the attention of any NFL scout.

NUMBERS GAME

70 After entering the red zone, Spartan opponents scored touchdowns 70 percent of the time. Michigan State was the worst in the Big Ten in this category. Opponents attempted only five field goals against Michigan State.

Terry Love (28 catches) is the crew's best open-field burner and a future go-to guy. The cast of reserves is deep, with junior college transfer Devin Thomas showing size and acceleration in spring practice.

Tight end Kellen Freeman-Davis is a racehorse, but the Spartans don't block well at this position, which caused a drop-off in the running game in 2005.

Offensive Linemen Michigan State must replace three starters, but the cupboard is not bare. The Spartans should be able to protect Stanton and remain a good zone blocking team on the ground.

New right guard Roland Martin, a former big-time recruit, is a better athlete than his predecessor. New right tackle Jesse Miller has the frame to be a stunt double for former Spartan Flozell Adams.

John Masters has earned trust in the task of replacing venerable center Chris Morris. Kyle Cook, a proven bare-knuckler at guard, can slide in at center if Masters can't do the job.

Mike Gyetvai moves from right tackle to left tackle. He ended 2005 by shutting down Penn State's Tamba Hali.

Utility man Pete Clifford is ready to start at guard if Cook gets the call at center.

Defensive Linemen The line won't be the weakness it was last year, but it's not yet a strength. There still is no one who approaches the pass rush ability that Smith had on his Louisville teams. But junior college transfer Ervin Baldwin offers hope as Smith's best pass rush recruit to date.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE SPARTANS

For a team that has been sub-.500 for two straight seasons, Michigan State does not need to tighten screws in many areas in order to make drastic gains. Michigan State is a placekicker and a pass rusher away from being in position to make significant noise in the Big Ten. The fact that the Spartans are hoping for newcomers to provide immediate help in those areas doesn't bode well for their chances, but at least the wish list is not a long one. The offense will be electric again, and the Spartans will be quicker on defense. Adherence to assignments in the secondary should improve with a new signaling system. Michigan State led Notre Dame by 21 in South Bend and won in overtime, was inside the 20 with a chance to put Ohio State down by two scores midway through the fourth quarter in Columbus, and has taken Michigan to overtime two straight years. The Spartans are not low on confidence. But John L. Smith's Michigan State teams have faded in the second half of seasons against lesser competition. A victory against the Fighting Irish, Wolverines or Buckeyes is possible. But in order to have a successful year, the Spartans must bear down in mid-October and not wear down or let down against Big Ten teams like Northwestern, Indiana, Purdue and Minnesota.

Javon Ringer

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	Idaho	W
S.	9	Eastern Michigan	W
S.	**16**	**at Pittsburgh**	*
S.	23	Notre Dame	L
S.	30	Illinois	W
O.	7	at Michigan	L
O.	14	Ohio State	L
O.	**21**	**at Northwestern**	*
O.	28	at Indiana	W
N.	**4**	**Purdue**	*
N.	**11**	**Minnesota**	*
N.	**18**	**at Penn State**	*

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Scott: John Grieshop; Ringer: Peter Brouillet

Michigan State WR

Jerramy Scott

Clifton Ryan moves from end to tackle, adding quickness to the interior. Ryan is a team leader and could command double-teams. David Stanton and junior college transfer Ogemdi Nwagbuo will provide a capable nose guard committee.

At rush end, Brandon Long has excellent speed but limited skill and experience. Jonal Saint-Dic pushed him in the spring, and flashes ability. But Michigan State probably needs Baldwin to beat out these two.

Strong-side end Justin Kershaw is taking Ryan's old spot but isn't a savior. Once-promising Nick Smith missed spring with a leg injury. Saint-Dic has the power to move to the strong side if needed.

The line caved in against the run in the second half of last season. The Spartans should be quicker up front, and stay fresh due to more substitution candidates.

Linebackers David Herron, once known as Maurice Clarett's high school fullback, can stuff the isolation play or run sideline-to-sideline. He has improved his pass defense. There aren't many better in the Big Ten. His partner on the inside will be Kaleb Thornhill, who had a knee and shoulder repaired. But even when healthy, he is merely adequate.

SirDarean Adams is ready to arrive as a playmaker at bandit. He has tremendous speed but is still questionable in getting off of tight ends when playing the strong-side run. Michigan State will try to move the bandit around so that blocking schemes can't zero in on him. Adams is smart and opportunistic. He will show up on highlight films but has something to prove against the run at the point of attack.

Defensive Backs A new simplified signal system should reduce the communication problems that foiled the pass defense last year.

Junior college transfer Nehemiah Warrick, Peter's cousin, brought a tomahawk chop to the defense in the spring. He runs well and hits hard. His swagger has rubbed off.

Sophomore Otis Wiley is a promising center fielder. He was solid as a dime back as a freshman.

Demond Williams was a functional cornerback last year and has taken it up a notch despite his small stature. Ross Weaver has good size and ball skills and was expected to inherit the other corner, but former safety Greg Cooper emerged as a pleasant surprise and nosed ahead of him in the spring. These three should give Smith the best corner corps he's had at Michigan State, which isn't saying much. But Smith expects to be able to play more man-to-man and bring more pressure because of the corners.

Individually, there is enough ability in the secondary, as long as they are all able to stay on the same page.

Specialists Spartan placekickers converted only 5-of-16 field goal attempts last year, probably, all by themselves, causing MSU to miss the postseason. Walk-on Todd Boleski, who failed as a kickoff specialist, made 3-of-4 from 50-to-59 yards in spring scrimmages. Smith doesn't trust him yet and expects incoming freshman Brett Swenson to win the job.

Punter Brandon Fields was erratic as a junior, averaging 41.6 yards per punt. He averaged 46-plus yards as a freshman and sophomore.

Clifton Ryan

RISING STAR

If Javon Ringer hadn't been on the roster, coaches say A.J. Jimmerson might have been the freshman with 800-plus yards last year. After redshirting, Jimmerson is eager to prove himself. He has vision and wiggle to go with a quick first step. He must improve his blocking to gain a regular role.

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Signaling a change Michigan State revamped its defensive signaling system in hopes of eliminating the embarrassing busted assignments of 2005. Wrist cards will take the place of excessive sideline signals and reduce memorization. Coaches and players say it's helping.

New defensive swagger Michigan State's defense raised eyebrows by getting the better of the first-string offense in the final two spring scrimmages. Drew Stanton says it's harder to move the ball against the defense this year.

Progress needed If Michigan State does not earn a bowl bid, it will be the third straight year without one for the first time since the forgettable Muddy Waters era of 1980-82.

Successful transplant Coaches say senior Greg Cooper made more plays in the spring at cornerback than he did all last year at safety. Ross Weaver was supposed to win the position by default. But Cooper has brought competition, depth, and optimism. He's like an unexpected addition. With capable cornerbacks, Smith might finally be able to employ his preferred man-free coverage and more pressures.

John Grieshop

SCOUTING THE SPARTANS

Opposing coaches size up Michigan State: "This has to be a big year for John L. Smith. They were probably the biggest disappointment in the league last year. They were hot out of the gates, beating Notre Dame on the road, but then the wheels really came off....He really shook up his coaching staff, and I think you'll see a lot of changes on offense. Drew Stanton had a really big year last season. He's a great dropback guy and throws the ball really well. Javon Ringer is an explosive guy, but he needs to touch the ball more. They really need to be more balanced offensively....Defensively, they just give up too many points. You can't expect your offense to score 40 points every time....Their special teams have been a disaster and the kicker cost them a couple of games last year."

2006 MICHIGAN STATE ROSTER

	Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
12	Charles, Clay	QB	6'1"	198	Fr.	McCall, ID
7	Hoyer, Brian	QB	6'2"	210	So.	North Olmsted, OH
14	Natale, Domenic	QB	6'1"	196	Fr.	Warren, NJ
5	Stanton, Drew	QB	6'3"	230	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI
16	Van Dam, John	QB	6'3"	221	Jr.	East Lansing, MI
	Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
36	Bishop, Jacob	RB	5'11"	185	So.	Midland, MI
30	Caulcrick, Jehuu	RB	6'0"	250	Jr.	Findley Lake, NY
22	Denson, Brandon	RB	5'11"	206	Fr.	Ypsilanti, MI
20	Jimmerson, A.J.	RB	5'10"	210	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
24	Kahn, Brett	RB	5'9"	175	Jr.	Trenton, MI
23	Ringer, Javon	RB	5'9"	202	So.	Dayton, OH
	Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
82	Allison, Ryan	WR	6'3"	215	So.	Lake Orion, MI
89	Bunce, Jason	TE	6'0"	224	Jr.	Laingsburg, MI
19	Campbell, Irving	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Lake Worth, FL
84	Curry, Deon	WR	6'1"	210	So.	Oakland Township, MI
80	Freeman-Davis, Kellen	TE	6'6"	247	Jr.	Adrian, MI
4	Grimes, Carl	WR	5'9"	177	So.	Detroit, MI
81	Holmes, Dwayne	TE	6'0"	275	So.	Detroit, MI
18	Love, Terry	WR	5'11"	172	Jr.	Bellwood, IL
11	Mackie, Barre	WR	5'7"	162	So.	Detroit, MI
86	McGinnis, Jeremy	WR	5'11"	180	So.	St. Ignace, MI
2	Oquendo, Diego	WR	5'9"	180	So.	Staten Island, NY
15	Reed, Kerry	WR	6'2"	196	Sr.	Miami, FL
87	Sackrider, Kyle	TE	6'2"	245	Jr.	Battle Creek, MI
32	Scott, Jerramy	WR	5'10"	186	Sr.	Jupiter, FL
6	Trannon, Matt	WR	6'6"	227	Sr.	Flint, MI
17	White, Blair	WR	6'2"	195	Fr.	Saginaw, MI
91	Willard, Travis	TE	6'2"	236	Fr.	Lake Odessa, MI
	Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
60	Bacon, Mike	G	6'4"	290	So.	Lansing, MI
57	Cironi, Rocco	G	6'6"	295	Fr.	Warren, OH
75	Clifford, Pete	OL	6'7"	320	Jr.	Salem, NH
69	Connor, Ryan	G	6'2"	282	So.	Plymouth, MI
74	Cook, Kyle	G	6'3"	295	Sr.	Macomb, MI
66	Gyetvai, Mike	T	6'7"	304	Jr.	Old Castle, ON
68	Kaczmarek, Tom	T	6'5"	310	So.	London, ONT
73	Martin, Roland	G	6'5"	324	So.	Chicago, IL
54	Masters, John	C	6'4"	299	Jr.	Carmel, IN
79	Miller, Jesse	T	6'6"	306	So.	Somerville, NJ
64	Moss, Brendon	T	6'6"	281	Fr.	Saline, MI
67	Mulroy, John	G	6'5"	265	So.	West Bloomfield, MI
65	Nitchman, Joel	C	6'3"	303	Fr.	Kalamazoo, MI
76	Schmeding, Mike	T	6'8"	308	Fr.	Rutherford, NJ
71	Shane, Kenny	G	6'5"	325	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
70	Toth, Joe	C/DT	6'2"	302	Jr.	Port Charlotte, FL
77	Zynn, Dan	G	6'2"	330	Sr.	South Pasadena, CA
	Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
58	Graham, Reggie	DE	6'4"	215	Fr.	Homewood, AL
98	Jones, Bobby	DT	6'4"	304	Jr.	Yankton, SD
95	Kershaw, Justin	DE	6'4"	252	So.	Columbus, OH
47	Long, Brandon	DE	6'4"	237	So.	Canton, OH
62	Outlaw, Derrick	DE	6'3"	259	Jr.	Cassopolis, MI
61	Pointer, Tramonte	DT	5'10"	314	Jr.	Flint, MI
92	Ryan, Clifton	DT	6'2"	304	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
94	Saint-Dic, Jonal	DE	6'1"	272	Jr.	Elizabeth, NJ
64	Smith, Chris	DT	6'3"	281	Jr.	Brookville, IN
93	Smith, Nick	DE	6'6"	272	Jr.	North Canton, OH
17	Stanton, David	DT	6'3"	291	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
	Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
52	Andino, Eric	LB	6'4"	238	Jr.	Arlington Heights, IL
57	Calverley, Marcus	LB	5'11"	239	So.	East Lansing, MI
55	Decker, Adam	LB	6'2"	240	Fr.	Rochester Hills, MI
39	Godlesky, Nic	LB	5'7"	215	Sr.	Flushing, MI
45	Hawken, Andrew	LB	6'2"	234	Fr.	Wyoming, MI
41	Herron Jr., David	LB	6'1"	252	Sr.	Warren, OH
53	Johnson, Derrick	LB	5'9"	250	Jr.	Southfield, MI
49	Juarez, Steve	LB	6'1"	233	Sr.	Torrance, CA
50	McPherson, Jeff	LB	6'1"	240	So.	Lowell, MI
48	Mitchell, Seth	LB	6'2"	255	Sr.	Brandywine, MD
16	Pendy, Andrew	LB	6'1"	228	Fr.	Shelby Township, MI
63	Pritchett, Devin	LB	6'2"	258	Jr.	Alpharetta, GA
56	Smith, Kyle	LB	6'2"	225	So.	Novi, MI
42	Tabatchnick, Rob	LB	5'11"	192	Jr.	Livingston, NJ
43	Thornhill, Kaleb	LB	6'1"	235	Jr.	Lansing, MI
	Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
27	Adams, SirDarean	DB	6'0"	230	Jr.	Bradenton, FL
20	Beaudouin, Ashley	S	6'0"	219	Jr.	Lansing, MI
28	Bell, Mike	S	5'11"	186	Jr.	Shaker Heights, OH
35	Beltinck, Kiel	DB	5'9"	202	Sr.	Mount Pleasant, MI
29	Cooper, Greg	CB	5'11"	192	Sr.	Flint, MI
32	Cordell, Mike	CB	5'9"	179	So.	Detroit, MI
38	Corey, Cole	DB	5'10"	203	Jr.	Tecumseh, MI
26	Dance, Tom	DB	6'1"	212	So.	Erie, PA
	Davis, Kendall	DB	5'11"	188	So.	Alliance, OH
33	Fortener, Dan	DB	6'1"	195	Fr.	Kettering, OH
13	Key, Travis	CB	5'10"	187	Jr.	Three Rivers, MI
14	Malatinsky, Cole	S	6'0"	198	Jr.	Holt, MI
34	Nantambu, Jelani	CB	5'9"	186	So.	Southfield, MI
22	Rowley, Kyle	S	5'10"	207	So.	Oxford, MI
37	Weaver, Ross	CB	6'1"	201	So.	Southfield, MI
21	Wiley, Otis	S	6'2"	208	So.	Flint, MI
9	Williams, Demond	CB	5'9"	175	Sr.	Jackson, AL
	Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
15	Boleski, Todd	K	6'6"	214	So.	Dearborn Heights, MI
56	Bury, Brian	LS	6'0"	243	Sr.	Marion, OH
8	Fields, Brandon	P	6'6"	232	Sr.	Toledo, OH
11	Goss, John	K	6'3"	217	Sr.	Grove City, OH
24	Hall, Kevin	P	6'4"	229	Jr.	Temperance, MI
3	Haughey, Matt	K	5'9"	178	So.	Bridgman, MI
26	Mayer, Kyle	K	6'1"	220	Sr.	Grand Haven, MI

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (5)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**6**	**Matt Trannon**	**Sr.**
WR	18	Terry Love	Jr.
SL	**32**	**Jerramy Scott**	**Sr.**
LT	**66**	**Mike Gyetvai**	**Jr.**
LG	**74**	**Kyle Cook**	**Sr.**
C	54	John Masters	Jr.
RG	73	Roland Martin	So.
RT	79	Jesse Miller	So.
TE	80	Kellen Freeman-Davis	Jr.
QB	**5**	**Drew Stanton**	**Sr.**
RB	23	Javon Ringer	So.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	8	Devin Thomas	So.
WR	15	Kerry Reed	Sr.
SL	4	Carl Grimes	So.
LT	68	Tom Kaczmarek	So.
LG	71	Kenny Shane	Jr.
C	65	Joel Nitchman	Fr.
RG	77	Dan Zynn	Sr.
RT	75	Pete Clifford	Jr.
TE	81	Dwayne Holmes	So.
QB	7	Brian Hoyer	So.
RB	30	Jehuu Caulcrick	Jr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	47	Brandon Long	So.
NG	17	David Stanton	Sr.
DT	**92**	**Clifton Ryan**	**Sr.**
DE	95	Justin Kershaw	So.
WLB	**41**	**David Herron**	**Sr.**
MLB	**43**	**Kaleb Thornhill**	**Jr.**
BAN	**27**	**SirDarean Adams**	**Jr.**
CB	**9**	**Demond Williams**	**Sr.**
CB	**29**	**Greg Cooper**	**Sr.**
SS	3	Nehemiah Warrick	Jr.
FS	21	Otis Wiley	So.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	94	Jonal Saint-Dic	Jr.
NG	99	Ogemdi Nwagbuo	Jr.
DT	98	Bobby Jones	Jr.
DE	93	Nick Smith	Jr.
WLB	55	Adam Decker	Fr.
MLB	49	Steven Juarez	Sr.
BAN	26	Tom Dance	So.
CB		Kendell Davis	So.
CB	37	Ross Weaver	So.
SS	28	Michael Bell	Jr.
FS	33	Dan Fortener	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K		Brett Swenson	Fr.
P	8	Brandon Fields	Sr.
KR	9	Demond Williams	Sr.
PR	18	Terry Love	Jr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: John L. Smith
Record at School: 18–18 (3 years)
Career Record: 128–79 (17 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Dave Baldwin
Defensive Coordinator: Chris Smeland
East Lansing, Michigan
Spartan Stadium (72,027)

2006 SIGNEES

Ervin Baldwin	DE	6'2"	252	Oglethorpe, GA
J'Michael Deane	DT	6'5"	295	Toronto, ON
Jason Diehl	OL	6'3"	297	Wynantskill, NY
Connor Dixon	QB	6'4"	182	South Park, PA
Charlie Gantt	TE	6'4"	241	Farmington Hills, MI
Sam Gardner	TE	6'6"	253	Lexington, KY
Eric Gordon	LB	6'0"	210	Traverse City, MI
Ashton Henderson	DB	5'11"	186	Tallahassee, FL
Marcus Hyde	DB	6'0"	184	Fostoria, OH
Roderick Jenrette	S	6'1"	191	Tampa, FL
Abre Leggins	DT	6'3"	310	Orlando, FL
Vaughn Martin	DT	6'3"	323	London, ON
Jon Misch	LB	6'2"	210	Waterford, MI
Colin Neely	DE	6'1"	234	Bethlehem, PA
Ogemdi Nwagbuo	DT	6'4"	287	San Diego, CA
Patrick Rigan	DE	6'5"	230	Traverse City, MI
Josh Rouse	LB	6'3"	202	Newtown, CT
Enrique Shaw	DB	6'1"	188	Lexington, KY
John Stipek	DT	6'5"	250	Macomb Township, MI
Brett Swenson	K	5'8"	151	Pompano Beach, FL
Devin Thomas	WR	6'2"	213	Ann Arbor, MI
Ken Tinney	DB	6'1"	185	Ansonia, CT
Nehemiah Warrick	S	6'1"	198	Bradenton, FL
David Williams	WR	5'9"	165	Monroeville, PA
T.J. Williams	WR	6'3"	182	Tallahassee, FL

John L. Smith has hit the junior college ranks hard in the past, but this year's juco class is his best. Safety Nehemiah Warrick won a starting job in the spring and is credited with single-handedly changing the personality of the defense. Ogemdi Nwagbuo arrived at spring practice ready to compete for a starting job at nose guard, and wide receiver Devin Thomas also made an immediate impact. If fellow juco Ervin Baldwin is as good a pass rusher as Warrick, Nwagbuo and Thomas are at their positions, then the Spartans will be heard from in 2006. Michigan State missed out on blue chip defensive tackles and signed a pair of darkhorses from Canada, including interesting sleeper J'Michael Deane. Prep schoolers Ken Tinney and T.J. Williams previously signed with Syracuse and Clemson, respectively. These tall-framed prospects give an immediate boost to Michigan State's overall athleticism.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 5–6 (2–6 Big Ten)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	3	Kent State	W	49–14	73,949
S.	10	Hawaii	W	42–14	74,043
S.	17	at Notre Dame	W	(ot) 44–41	80,795
S.	24	at Illinois	W	61–14	51,469
O.	1	Michigan	L	(ot) 31–34	79,401
O.	15	at Ohio State	L	24–35	105,122
O.	22	Northwestern	L	14–49	74,636
O.	29	Indiana	W	46–15	74,063
N.	5	at Purdue	L	21–28	62,467
N.	12	at Minnesota	L	18–41	45,187
N.	19	Penn State	L	22–31	75,005

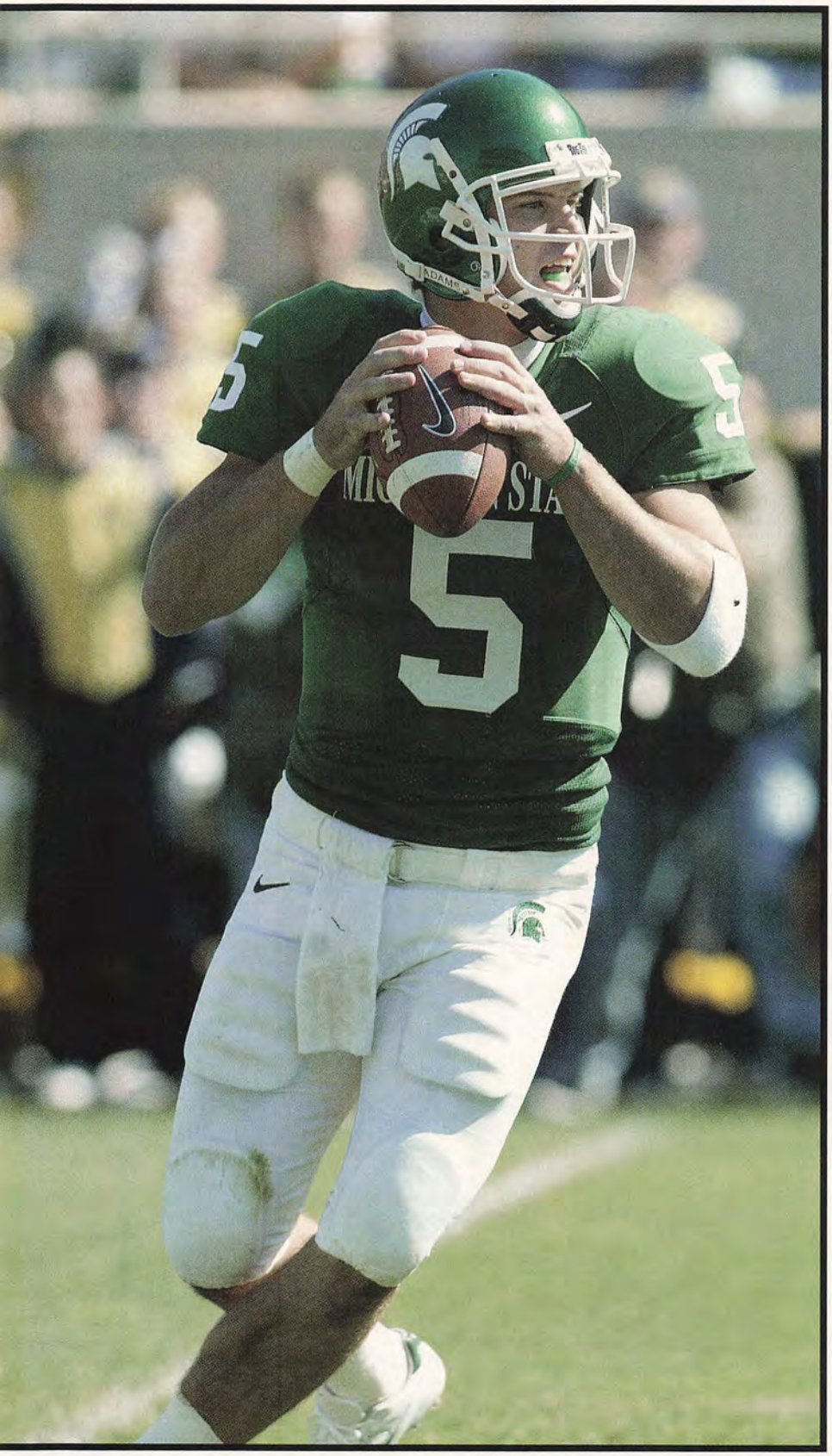
2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	**Att.**	**Comp.**	**Yds.**	**TD**	**Int.**
Drew Stanton	**354**	**236**	**3,077**	**22**	**12**
Brian Hoyer	**23**	**15**	**167**	**2**	**0**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Javon Ringer	**122**	**817**	**6.7**	**5**	
Jehuu Caulcrick	**89**	**478**	**5.4**	**7**	
Jason Teague	78	420	5.4	4	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Jerramy Scott	**49**	**722**	**14.7**	**4**	
Matt Trannon	40	573	14.3	4	

Kicking: John Goss, 4-11 FGs, 28-28 XPs, 40 points
Tackles: Eric Smith, 101; David Herron Jr., 65
Sacks: Clifton Ryan, 3
Interceptions: SirDarean Adams, 3

Returning Players in Bold

FROM RAGS TO RICHES



MICHIGAN STATE QUARTERBACK DREW STANTON WENT FROM AN AFTERTHOUGHT AS A SOPHOMORE TO ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP NFL PROSPECTS

by Jim Comparoni

There was a time when Drew Stanton thought his first start at quarterback might be his last. It was almost a disaster. It came at a time when one bad game could have changed the way coaches felt about Stanton, and the way Stanton felt about his future at Michigan State. The Spartans had started three different quarterbacks in the first four games of 2004. Stanton, today one of the best quarterbacks in the nation as a senior, was Plan C and sinking as a sophomore.

Stanton threw two interceptions late in the first half and Michigan State trailed Indiana 20–7 in his starting debut. There were whispers that coaches felt Stanton was better-suited to play defensive back or linebacker. But there was something about Stanton and the way the huddle perked up when he was in it. The coaches gave Stanton another series to start the third quarter. There were no guarantees that he would get more than one possession.

"I was nervous," Stanton says, "especially with the quarterback carousel we had had going on to that point. I just didn't know if I was going to get my shot. I think that's when I said, 'Screw it. I'm going to play the way I'm capable of playing. If I make a mistake then so be it.'"

Stanton spoke up in the locker room at halftime. "I stood up and I said, 'You know what? This is not how we are supposed to be

John Grieshop

playing, and I'll take full responsibility. It's about time that we step up and take control of this team.'"

Stanton had clout with the veterans. He earned it the previous year when he led Michigan State in special team tackles as a punt coverage kamikaze.

Stanton suffered a torn ligament in the 2003 Alamo Bowl when Nebraska's Richie Incognito delivered a blindside chop at his knees during a punt coverage play. He spent the winter rehabilitating his knee rather than sharpening his passing skills.

"It was a struggle for me getting through that year because it was a new coaching staff, and they didn't recruit me, and I didn't know if they wanted me to play quarterback," says Stanton, who was signed by former Michigan State coach Bobby Williams. "A lot of that stuff was left in the back of my mind because I really didn't know what was going on with them. It left me to think that maybe they wanted Stephen Reaves to be the starting quarterback around here, with him being the guy they recruited and the more natural thrower, and the lefty, and things people were saying."

In fall camp, Stanton's mechanics were off because he couldn't plant and throw due to knee soreness. That's why he fell to third string.

Spartan upperclassmen, especially the offensive linemen, appreciated Stanton's journey and sacrifices. They listened when Stanton stood up to speak at halftime of that Indiana game. "I said, 'It's my fault for the way we played, and it's inexcusable. We have to go out and play and I'm going to step my game up,'" Stanton says.

The veterans rallied around Stanton. "That gave me the mentality that you can bust the doors down and make it happen," says Stanton.

John L. Smith and the coaching staff tweaked the offense and called for more read-option keepers in the second half. They molded the offense around Stanton's iron will. Ironically, Stanton had to rely on his banged-up legs to win future chances as a thrower.

Michigan State outscored the Hoosiers 23–0 in the second half. Stanton finished with 134 yards rushing. He stumbled and spun and staggered his way for extra yardage in a most uncommon manner.

"We were able to move the ball and win some games and put it together as an offense from that point on," says Stanton.

Stanton's knee slowly grew stronger, as did his mechanics. He threw for 1,601 yards and rushed for 687 as a sophomore in 2004, averaging 7.2 yards per carry. He did some remarkable things in the process, such as throw for 308 and rush for 102 against Minnesota.

But Stanton suffered a shoulder injury against Michigan, short-circuiting a 17–7 lead and greatly damaging Michigan State's hopes of earning a bowl bid.

Michigan State sought to protect Stanton in 2005 and reduce his rushing attempts. He rushed for only 338 yards but passed for 3,077 while completing 66.7 percent of his throws. He suffered a thumb injury that hurt his accuracy in November. Stanton fired 22 touchdown passes and finished 10th in the nation in pass efficiency. He had 12 interceptions, sometimes forcing passes in the red zone because the kicking game was so bad.

"I think the biggest thing I learned is to let the game come to me more, not trying to force things, and being smarter with the ball," says Stanton.

Michigan State went back to the option in certain circumstances. Stanton engineered an overtime victory at Notre Dame, fueling the game-winning play on a spread option pitch — holding the ball until the last minute, taking a hit to make a play.

No Ohio State opponent approached the aerial success Stanton had against the Buckeyes, not even Vince Young. Stanton threw for 340 yards on 26-of-36 accuracy against a Buckeye defense that might have been the nation's best.

Michigan State led midway through the fourth quarter but let it slip away due largely to kicking errors. Stanton was so sore that he didn't return to practice full-time until the day before the next game, a loss to Northwestern.

"We have been so close," says Stanton, who added more than 10 pounds to his 6'3" frame to bulk up to 230. "We are so committed to getting over the hump this year."

Michigan State has been 5–7 and 5–6 in the past two seasons. But the Spartans have proven they can compete with the very best when Stanton is healthy. A major breakthrough is possible in 2006 if Stanton starts all 12 games and is able to sprinkle in that pesky zone read option without excessive bruising.

"I learned so much in each one of those losses," says Stanton. "Against Northwestern, trying to force the ball downfield just because we were able to do it against Ohio State. In the back of your mind, even though you don't want to think that way, you say, 'Well, if I could do this against a great Ohio State defense, why couldn't I be doing this against Northwestern?'

"The biggest thing in a situation like we faced against Northwestern is being willing to check down to your back.

"I try to take two or three big things from every single game and try to learn from that and put them into my game the next week."

Smith surprised the media prior to Stanton's junior year when he said the unorthodox quarterback would likely play in the NFL.

Smith looked like a prophet when Stanton sizzled through September in 2005. He was nearly perfect against Illinois, completing 20-of-26 for 259 yards and five touchdowns in less than three quarters of work.

When he rolled out and feathered an impossibly perfect pass to a sliding, tightly covered Jerramy Scott on an out route in the back corner of the end zone against Hawaii, observers began to realize that Stanton was better than good.

Late in that game, Stanton was decked by a Hawaii defensive lineman. Stanton's roommate, offensive lineman Kyle Cook, tried to exact revenge on the next snap. During a shoving match, Cook's helmet was yanked from his head and a group of Hawaii players surrounded him. Stanton, who had been taken out of the game, rushed onto the field to protect Cook. A quarterback protecting a 300-pound lineman? "It was almost a natural reaction when you see 11 on one and the one is one of my guys," says Stanton. "And if he is going to take a beating then I'm going to go over there and take a beating with him."

Hawaii defensive coordinator Jerry Glanville, no stranger to rough stuff as a controversial former head coach of the Houston Oilers and Atlanta Falcons, watched with respect on the other side of the field.

One week earlier, Glanville's defense went against Matt Leinart and USC. "When I was preparing for them in the offseason, I told everybody that I thought that Stanton was the better football player (than Leinart)," Glanville says. "When you play Southern Cal live, Leinart plays the game with his mind, while Stanton plays the game with his athletic ability. It's not that (Stanton) doesn't also do the right thing, but his athletic ability allows him to run and throw on the run. (Stanton) threw passes on us while he was running that probably no one else could have completed."

Mel Kiper Jr. lists Stanton as the No. 2 quarterback prospect for the 2007 draft, behind only Notre Dame's Brady Quinn.

If Glanville were still coaching in the NFL and could choose between Stanton or Leinart, he says: "I'd take Stanton. When in doubt, I always take the toughest guy I can find. And I don't think you are going to find many guys tougher at the quarterback spot than Stanton."

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— Hawaii defensive coordinator and former NFL head coach Jerry Glanville on whether he would take Matt Leinart or Drew Stanton if he were still an NFL coach

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The claim is made with great pride by seemingly anyone associated with the Minnesota football program: Six bowl games in seven years.

Sure, it's a little hokey and a little watered down in this era of 25-plus bowl games. But there was a time in the not-too-distant past when Minnesota football was a joke, when the idea of a bowl game every five years sounded pretty good.

This might be a good year for Gophers fans to remember that. Because this season has the potential to show whether the Minnesota fan base has become a bit spoiled.

The reasons are simple. Too many All-Americans lost. Too many question marks. Too difficult of a Big Ten schedule.

The biggest question surrounds the running game — Minnesota's staple under Glen Mason. All-America running back Laurence Maroney opted for the NFL Draft after his junior season. Gary Russell, who rushed for more than 1,100 yards as a sophomore, was expected to be the featured back this fall. But a lack of attention to academics led to Russell spending the second semester in a junior college, and his status for this season likely won't be known until shortly before camp opens this summer.

Even if Russell is back, is he going to be effective behind an inexperienced line? All center Greg Eslinger did last season was win the Outland Trophy, and guard Mark Setterstrom was an All-American as well.

Add that to Minnesota's constant struggles to stop opponents — the Gophers gave up 34.1 points per game in Big Ten games — and that bowl streak seems tenuous at best.

Quarterbacks This is one position where the Gophers enter the fall in good shape. Bryan Cupito has started 23 of the past 24 games at quarterback for Minnesota and has shown improvement. Last season, he threw the ball with more authority, made better decisions and was more than just a guy who handed off to Maroney. He averaged 230 passing yards per game. This season, he'll be expected to do more. He won't just be a guy who has to make throws when they're there. Instead, the Gophers' offense will largely hinge on how the fifth-year senior performs.

In the spring, Mason routinely praised Cupito's play — a rarity for a coach who loves running the football. In some ways Mason had little choice as the rest of the offense was offensive for much of the spring.

Running Backs For much of Mason's tenure, there has always been a clear understudy and a definite chain of succession. Maroney followed Marion Barber III who followed Thomas Tapeh who followed Tellis Redmon who followed Thomas Hamner. Now, nothing is really clear.

After a spring in which offensive coordinator Mitch Browning said that the Gophers, "don't have a running back right now that's capable of playing at the Big Ten level," it's quite clear the coaching staff is hoping that Russell will get his academics in order. That, however, isn't a lock.

If he doesn't, it's anybody's guess who will be Minnesota's featured back. Justin Valentine has seen the most playing time, but most of that has been at fullback. Amir Pinnix has been highly thought of, but hasn't produced. Twin Cities native and junior-college transfer Brylee Callender has a lot to learn.

NUMBERS GAME

34.1 The Minnesota defense gave up an average of 34.1 points per game in Big Ten action a year ago. Only Indiana and Illinois gave up more points.

Receivers There is some talent at wide receiver at Minnesota. There just isn't much depth.

Ernie Wheelwright is the most highly touted of the group. He's tall (6'5"), can outjump defensive backs and runs well. In two seasons, Wheelwright has caught 67 passes for 12 touchdowns and more than 1,200 yards. If any player on the Gophers' roster has a chance to explode this season, Wheelwright might have the best chance.

On the other side, Logan Payne has developed into a solid No. 2 receiver. He isn't the biggest or fastest or strongest. He just runs great routes and catches everything. A spot player for two seasons, Payne caught 37 balls as a junior and should have a chance to eclipse that as a senior.

Minnesota's third receiving target is All-Big Ten tight end Matt Spaeth. Tall and strong, Spaeth is a frequent target of Cupito's, and he needs 483 yards to become the school's all-time leading receiver as a tight end.

Offensive Linemen This will be the area with the biggest change from a year ago. The group of Eslinger, Setterstrom, Mike Nicholson, Tony Brinkhaus and Steve Shidell started the final 11 games of last season. Of that group, only Brinkhaus and Shidell return. And Brinkhaus will play a new position this season, taking over at center.

The left side of the line does have at least some experience as Shidell returns at left

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE GOPHERS

Even with a 12th game, the Gophers are going to have a difficult time finding six wins and bowl eligibility. Not with the number of question marks on this team. Under Glen Mason, Minnesota football has featured two constants: The Gophers have always moved the ball. And so have the opponents. It's unclear whether the first will happen again this fall. It seems virtually certain that the second will continue to occur. Offensively, there seems no way the Gophers can make up for the losses of Laurence Maroney, Greg Eslinger and Mark Setterstrom. If Gary Russell doesn't get his academics in order, this Minnesota offense will struggle to move the ball. On the other side of the line of scrimmage, it seems unlikely Minnesota will suddenly become stout — even with six starters back. History simply isn't on Minnesota's side. Consider: Mason has coached the Gophers in 72 Big Ten games. In 33 of those games opponents have scored 30 or more points. And then there's the schedule. First off, the Gophers open the season with a pair of non-conference road games at Kent State and California. In addition, Minnesota will play at Purdue, at Wisconsin, at Ohio State and at Michigan State. Of the four conference home games, the Gophers will likely be favored only against Indiana.

Matt Spaeth

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	31	#Kent State	W
S.	9	at California	L
S.	16	Temple	W
S.	23	at Purdue	L
S.	30	Michigan	L
O.	7	Penn State	L
O.	14	at Wisconsin	L
O.	21	North Dakota State	W
O.	28	at Ohio State	L
N.	4	Indiana	W
N.	**11**	**at Michigan State**	*
N.	18	Iowa	L
		#Canton, OH	

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Cupito: Bill Wood; Spaeth: Brad Schloss

Minnesota QB

Bryan Cupito

tackle and fifth-year senior Tyson Swaggert is expected to win the job at left guard. There are questions, however, on the right side of the line. Joe Ainslie, who has been in and out of the starting lineup, is expected to start at right tackle. The right guard will likely be a redshirt freshman, either Ryan Ruckdashel or Ned Tavale.

Defensive Linemen The idea is the Gophers are going to use speed and quickness to overcome a lack of size. We've heard this theory before, and it didn't work out then, either. Undersized frontlines can work in some conferences, but the Big Ten isn't one of them. The Gophers' expected front four of Steve Davis, Todd Meisel, Neel Allen and Willie VanDeSteeg doesn't feature a single 300-pounder, and Davis, a defensive end, is only 230 pounds.

A year ago, Minnesota was 90th nationally in total defense, and that was with a couple of 290-pound-plus defensive linemen. The reality is that the Gophers' front four will be smaller than every Big Ten offensive line they face.

That said, Davis was effective as a true freshman. He started 10 games, had nine tackles for loss and six sacks. With a season of experience and an offseason in the weight room, the hope is that he can be an even more effective speed rusher.

Linebackers John Shevlin, Minnesota's leading returning tackler with 74 stops, will be expected to lead a largely inexperienced defense from his weak-side linebacker position.

Alex Daniels, who played in all 12 games as a true freshman, returns at middle linebacker. Senior Mario Reese is the most experienced of the linebacking corps, having started 13 games over the past three seasons.

Incoming freshman Tommy Becker seems a likely candidate to get at least some playing time, most likely behind Reese at mike linebacker.

Defensive Backs This is the area of the Minnesota defense that is the most unsettled entering preseason camp. Translation: What was there in the spring might not be there in the fall. The starters at the end of the spring were Keith Massey and Jamal Harris at cornerback, Dominic Jones at strong safety and Dominique Barber at free safety. Trumaine Banks, an honorable mention All-Big Ten performer as a corner, has been moved to safety.

The incoming recruiting class features a pair of potential starters in late signees Duran Cooley and Daron Love. Cooley is a junior college transfer who originally signed with Boise State. Love was considered a top 75 recruit in a talent-rich Florida. If that isn't enough, the Gophers also have a new secondary coach in Craig Bray, a guy who wants to see more aggressive play.

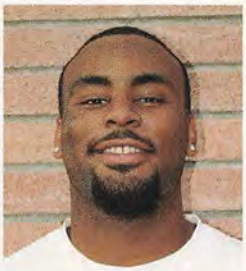
Specialists The kicking game, simply put, was a mess last season for the Gophers. Minnesota's kickers missed six field goal attempts and eight extra points. In addition, punter Justin Kucek averaged less than 40 yards per punt.

At the end of the season, Joel Monroe unseated Jason Giannini as the team's kicker and — while the two will battle in camp — that seems like a decent bet again.

Incoming freshman Eric Ellestad will likely have a chance to compete for either the punter or kicker job.

Ernie Wheelwright

RISING STAR



Junior college players don't transfer to schools where they are going to have to sit on the sidelines. That's why defensive back Duran Cooley has a chance to make an immediate impact. The late signee was an all-conference performer at Reedley (Calif.) Junior College.

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Staying put A year ago, the question simply couldn't be ignored. Would Glen Mason return as Minnesota's coach? Or would the school look in another direction? While the negotiations were the focus of the days leading up to last season's Music City Bowl, it turns out Mason isn't going anywhere. The coach agreed to a new five-year contract that is worth $8.6 million plus incentives.

On the road The beginning of this season doesn't look like standard fare for a Big Ten team. The Gophers will begin the season with games at Kent State (in Canton, Ohio) and at California. Minnesota is the only Big Ten team to open the season with consecutive road games and one of only three league teams to play two non-conference games away from home.

No more Nashville It's hard to know who's happier about the Big Ten's new bowl agreement, Gophers fans or the Music City Bowl. Minnesota spent three of the past four years at Nashville's Music City Bowl, winning twice before losing to Virginia last year. The two parties have certainly seen enough of each other.

Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

SCOUTING THE GOPHERS

Opposing coaches size up Minnesota: "They'll have the same problems they seem to have every year: no defense. They've had all those great running backs, Marion Barber and Laurence Maroney, and they play really fast on the turf, but what have they done? They'll win seven or eight games every year and play in the Music City Bowl. The defense just gives up too many yards and points and doesn't make stops when they need them....The quarterback (Bryan Cupito) was a lot better last year. They'll be OK at running back with Amir Pinnix. They'll be even better running the ball if they can find a way to get Gary Russell back in school. He can be a difference maker for them. They'll miss the center (Greg Eslinger). It's all going to come down to their defense again."

2006 MINNESOTA ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
3 Cupito, Bryan	QB	6'3"	205	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
11 Frankberg, Mike	QB	6'0"	180	Sr.	Detroit Lakes, MN
5 Jones, Marcel	QB	6'3"	205	Fr.	Shakopee, MN
19 Maciejowski, Mike	QB	6'3"	215	So.	Columbus, OH
17 Mortensen, Tony	QB	6'3"	220	So.	Hutchinson, MN
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
30 Callender, Brylee	RB	6'0"	200	Jr.	Lakeville, MN
49 Faue, Jeremy	FB	5'11"	225	Jr.	Hamel, MN
26 Haviland, Reid	RB	5'10"	190	Fr.	Thief River Falls, MN
44 Hennessey, Thomas	FB	5'11"	215	Fr.	Somerset, WI
29 Pinnix, Amir	RB	6'0"	195	Jr.	Newark, NJ
24 Russell, Gary	RB	5'11"	195	Jr.	Columbus, OH
35 Smith, Judd	RB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Rothschild, WI
25 Thomas, Jay	RB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Oakdale, MN
18 Valentine, Justin	FB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Columbus, OH
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
12 Chambers, Mike	WR	6'1"	195	Fr.	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
14 Decker, Eric	WR	6'2"	205	Fr.	Cold Spring, MN
37 Kasten, Michael	WR	6'2"	200	So.	Plainview, MN
32 Kuznia, Ben	WR	6'0"	185	Fr.	Olivia, MN
85 Mensen, Chris	TE	6'6"	240	Fr.	Solon, IA
38 Metz, Andy	WR	6'2"	190	Fr.	Lakeville, MN
84 Payne, Logan	WR	6'2"	200	Sr.	Lutz, FL
86 Reilly, Troy	TE	6'6"	240	Fr.	Plover, WI
80 Simmons, Jack	TE	6'4"	235	So.	Libertyville, IL
89 Spaeth, Matt	TE	6'6"	270	Sr.	St. Michael, MN
82 Wheelwright, Ernie	WR	6'5"	215	Jr.	Columbus, OH
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
78 Ainslie, Joe	T	6'7"	310	Sr.	Minnetonka, MN
77 Brinkhaus, Tony	G	6'4"	300	Jr.	Bloomington, MN
55 Bultman, Brad	C	6'2"	280	Jr.	Green Bay, WI
79 DeGeest, Matt	T	6'5"	270	So.	Harrisburg, SD
75 Hudson, Otis	G	6'4"	290	Fr.	Barrington, IL
69 Jakel, John	G	6'5"	280	Jr.	Schofield, WI
63 Krueger, Matt	G	6'5"	250	Fr.	Maple Plain, MN
73 Meinke, Jason	T	6'5"	235	Fr.	Apple Valley, MN
74 Ruckdashel, Ryan	G	6'6"	255	Fr.	Apple Valley, MN
64 Shidell, Steve	T	6'5"	285	Jr.	Coon Rapids, MN
56 Swaggert, Tyson	C	6'4"	285	Sr.	Buffalo, MN
66 Tavale, Nedward	G	6'2"	305	Fr.	St. Paul, MN
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
98 Allen, Neel	DT	6'3"	295	Jr.	Marietta, GA
65 Brody, William	DE	6'5"	245	So.	Garfield Heights, OH
90 Clark, Eric	DT	6'4"	265	Sr.	Tampa, FL
92 Davis, Steve	DE	6'2"	230	So.	St. Louis, MO
70 Meisel, Todd	DT	6'4"	265	Jr.	Hartland, WI
79 Moen, Barrett	DE	6'2"	260	Fr.	Bloomington, MN
96 Stommes, Matt	DE	6'7"	245	Fr.	Richmond, MN
93 Theodore, Nhemie	DT	6'3"	290	So.	Irvington, NJ
77 Tow-Arnett, Jeff	DT	6'2"	270	Fr.	Redwood Falls, MN
74 Tow-Arnett, Nick	DE	6'4"	245	Fr.	Redwood Falls, MN
91 VanDeSteeg, Willie	DE	6'4"	250	So.	Silver Lake, MN
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
57 Cheney, Patrick	SLB	6'1"	225	Jr.	Shoreview, MN
30 Cullen, Anthony	WLB	6'0"	205	So.	St. Paul, MN
6 Daniels, Alex	MLB	6'3"	230	So.	Columbus, OH
44 Hightower, Deon	WLB	6'3"	200	So.	Arlington, TX
59 Moore, Steve	MLB	6'2"	235	So.	Coon Rapids, MN
48 Reese, Mario	SLB	6'3"	230	Sr.	Mableton, GA
58 Sherels, Mike	MLB	6'0"	235	Jr.	Rochester, MN
46 Shevlin, John	WLB	6'1"	225	Jr.	Eagan, MN
55 Tindall, James	WLB	6'2"	215	So.	South Orange, NJ
51 Triplett, Nathan	SLB	6'3"	230	Fr.	Maple Plain, MN
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
4 Banks, Trumaine	FS	5'11"	185	Sr.	Columbus, OH
23 Barber, Dominique	SS	6'0"	200	Jr.	Plymouth, MN
16 Carlson, John	SS	6'2"	220	So.	Wayzata, MN
14 Grandas, Brody	SS	5'11"	185	So.	Woodbury, MN
15 Harris, Jamal	CB	6'0"	185	Jr.	Delray Beach, FL
2 Jones, Dominic	SS	5'9"	180	So.	Columbus, OH
28 Mannion, Kevin	SS	6'2"	200	So.	Germantown, WI
9 Massey, Keith	CB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Columbus, OH
13 McKelton, Michael	CB	5'10"	170	Fr.	Royal Palm Beach, FL
24 Morgan, John	FS	6'2"	200	So.	Rochester, MN
19 Soliday, Tim	FS	6'2"	180	Fr.	Apple Valley, MN
11 Steib, Desi	CB	6'1"	185	Jr.	Vacherie, LA
35 Thompson, Seth	FS	6'0"	190	Jr.	Hudson, WI
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
31 Giannini, Jason	K	5'10"	180	So.	Canton, OH
16 Haudan, Blake	P/K	6'1"	190	Fr.	Toledo, OH
41 Kucek, Justin	P	6'0"	200	So.	Columbus, OH
15 Lechner, Drew	P	6'2"	205	So.	Sauk Rapids, MN
43 McGarry, Robert	LS	6'3"	215	Jr.	Stillwater, MN
36 Monroe, Joel	K	6'0"	180	So.	Brooklyn Park, MN
59 Schwebke, Kyle	LS	6'2"	190	So.	Oshkosh, WI

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**84**	**Logan Payne**	**Sr.**
WR	**82**	**Ernie Wheelwright**	**Jr.**
LT	**64**	**Steve Shidell**	**Jr.**
LG	56	Tyson Swaggert	Sr.
C	**77**	**Tony Brinkhaus**	**Jr.**
RG	74	Ryan Ruckdashel	Fr.
RT	78	Joe Ainslie	Sr.
TE	**89**	**Matt Spaeth**	**Sr.**
QB	**3**	**Bryan Cupito**	**Sr.**
FB	18	Justin Valentine	Jr.
TB	24	Gary Russell	Jr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	14	Eric Decker	Fr.
WR	12	Mike Chambers	Fr.
LT	73	Jason Meinke	Fr.
LG	77	Tony Brinkhaus	Jr.
C	56	Tyson Swaggert	Sr.
RG	66	Nedward Tavale	Fr.
RT	79	Matt DeGeest	So.
TE	80	Jack Simmons	So.
QB	17	Tony Mortensen	So.
FB	34	Jeremy Faue	Jr.
TB	29	Amir Pinnix	Jr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**92**	**Steve Davis**	**So.**
DT	70	Todd Meisel	Jr.
DT	98	Neel Allen	Jr.
DE	91	Willie VanDeSteeg	So.
SLB	**48**	**Mario Reese**	**Sr.**
MLB	6	Alex Daniels	So.
WLB	**46**	**John Shevlin**	**Jr.**
CB	9	Keith Massey	Fr.
CB	**15**	**Jamal Harris**	**Jr.**
SS	**2**	**Dominic Jones**	**So.**
FS	23	Dominique Barber	Jr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	65	William Brody	So.
DT		Garrett Brown	Fr.
DT	90	Eric Clark	Sr.
DE	96	Matt Stommes	Fr.
SLB		Tommy Becker	Fr.
MLB	58	Mike Sherels	Jr.
WLB	44	Deon Hightower	So.
CB		Daron Love	Fr.
CB	11	Desi Steib	Jr.
SS	**4**	**Trumaine Banks**	**Sr.**
FS		Duran Cooley	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	36	Joel Monroe	So.
P	41	Justin Kucek	So.
KR	2	Dominic Jones	So.
PR	2	Dominic Jones	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Glen Mason
Record at School: 58–50 (9 years)
Career Record: 117–114–1(20 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Mitch Browning
Defensive Coordinator: David Lockwood
Minneapolis, Minn.
Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome (64,172)

2006 SIGNEES

Dominic Alford	OL	6'3"	305	Cleveland, OH
Tommy Becker	LB	6'2"	230	Wayzata, MN
Andy Brinkhaus	OL	6'3"	275	Bloomington, MN
Garrett Brown	DL	6'2"	285	New Haven, CT
R.J. Buckner	DB	5'11"	190	Keller, TX
D.J. Burris	OL	6'2"	278	Kenton, OH
Brylee Callender	RB	6'0"	200	Lakeville, MN
Lee Campbell	LB	6'3"	220	Naples, FL
Duran Cooley	DB	6'0"	205	Los Angeles, CA
Willie Dyson	DL	6'3"	228	Ballwin, MO
Eric Ellestad	K	6'2"	170	Brooklyn Park, MN
Ben Fischer	WR	6'1"	180	Wausau, WI
Jamar Howard	WR	6'4"	200	Cincinnati, OH
E.J. Jones	RB	5'9"	185	Edwardsville, IL
Daron Love	DB/WR	6'1"	185	Palm Beach Gard., FL
Robert McField	DL	6'6"	235	St. Louis, MO
Sean McWhirter	DL	6'3"	245	Maple Plain, MN
Josh Robertson	DB	5'11"	175	Harrisburg, PA
Terrence Sherrer	RB	5'11"	195	Cincinnati, OH
Adam Weber	QB	6'3"	210	Shoreview, MN
Mike Wey	LB	6'3"	235	Oak Creek, WI

In many ways, this was the recruiting class that could have been. With glaring needs on the defensive side of the ball and plenty of immediate playing time to offer, Gopher coaches thought they had made a step in the right direction when defensive linemen Walker Ashley and Aundre Henderson committed. Neither, however, ended up signing with the Gophers. Ashley is off to USC, while Henderson will play for hometown Louisville. Those two decisions make this recruiting class look a lot like most Minnesota classes that receive little national fanfare. Several players in this class — one that certainly ranks in the bottom half of the Big Ten — will be solid players for the Gophers. That's a given with the job Glen Mason and his staff do in evaluation, but it's hard to tell if there are any true difference-makers. Among the players expected to contribute immediately are defensive backs Duran Cooley and Daron Love, linebacker Tommy Becker and defensive lineman Garrett Brown.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 7–5 (4–4 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 1	at Tulsa	W	41–10	33,410
S. 10	Colorado State	W	56–24	40,221
S. 17	Florida Atlantic	W	46– 7	40,709
S. 24	Purdue	W (ot)	42–35	48,116
O. 1	at Penn State	L	14–44	106,604
O. 8	at Michigan	W	23–20	111,117
O. 15	Wisconsin	L	34–38	65,089
O. 29	Ohio State	L	31–45	54,825
N. 5	at Indiana	W	42–21	30,656
N. 12	Michigan State	W	41–18	45,187
N. 19	at Iowa	L	28–52	70,585
D. 30	#Virginia	L	31–34	40,519
	#Music City Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Bryan Cupito	**297**	**176**	**2,530**	**19**	**9**
Tony Mortensen	**24**	**9**	**130**	**1**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Laurence Maroney	281	1,464	5.2	10	
Gary Russell	**186**	**1,130**	**6.1**	**18**	
Amir Pinnix	**78**	**467**	**6.0**	**1**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Ernie Wheelwright	**37**	**568**	**15.4**	**5**	
Logan Payne	**37**	**529**	**14.3**	**2**	

Kicking: Jason Giannini, 13-19 FGs, 36-44 XPs, 75 points
Tackles: John Pawielski, 86; **John Shevlin, 74**
Sacks: **Steve Davis, 6**

Returning Players in Bold

Gary Russell (top) and Amir Pinnix

RUNNING

by Jeff Shelman

By themselves, the statistics are impressive. With some context, they are staggering. In 2003, Minnesota running backs Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney each rushed for 1,000 yards for the Gophers. In 2004, the two backs repeated the feat. Last season, Barber was a rookie for the Dallas Cowboys, but Maroney went over the 1,000-yard mark (for the third consecutive season). And so did Gary Russell.

Now for that bit of context: That has never happened in major college football history.

No running back tandem had ever rushed for 1,000 yards each in consecutive seasons. And no team in NCAA history has ever had two 1,000-yard rushers in three consecutive seasons.

It never happened in the three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust era in the Big Ten. SMU's Pony Express backfield of Eric Dickerson and Craig James didn't get it done in consecutive seasons. And neither did Reggie Bush and LenDale White at USC.

And Minnesota's run could have been even better. Had Thomas Tapeh gained 94 more yards in the 2002 season, the Gophers would have had two 1,000-yard rushers in four consecutive seasons.

So how has a Minnesota program that hasn't finished in the top three in the Big Ten in almost 20 years become so adept on the ground? And with Maroney off to the New England Patriots, Russell's status up in the air and key linemen Greg Eslinger and Mark Setterstrom gone, can the Gophers keep it up?

Since Glen Mason arrived at Minnesota before the 1997 season, the Gophers have almost always been good on the ground. In the course of those nine seasons, 10 1,000-yard seasons have been recorded by six different backs. Minnesota has had at least one 1,000-yard back in each of the past seven seasons.

That ability to run the ball is the product of several factors, including a commitment to run the ball, constant development of quality linemen, good running backs and a somewhat unique running attack.

Even though Minnesota plays more than half of its games each season in the climate-controlled Metrodome, Mason is still a run-first guy. He played for and coached under former Ohio State coach Woody Hayes and is a product of an era when passing was the exception in the Big Ten. Minnesota has led the Big Ten in rushing attempts in each of the past three seasons — it isn't close, actually — and in that span, the Gophers have a combined 561 more rushes than their opponents.

When the Gophers have thrown the ball, it has been when the opposition doesn't expect it or when they put eight or nine defenders in the box.

Gophers guards and centers coach Gordy Shaw acknowledges that Minnesota provides a different look for defenses. The Gophers are going to pull their center. They're going to use legal cut blocks. And Minnesota's receivers are going to block downfield.

"We're not the type of offensive line that's going to just take two steps and try to block a 300-pounder," Shaw says. "It's hard to get off our offensive line. They move their feet a little better than some, and we don't have running backs that come down with arm tackles."

Now, however, there are questions about whether that can continue this season.

"In the last two years, we've lost three pro running backs," Mason says. "That's unusual for any program, not just Minnesota. That wasn't the only reason we ran the ball well and ran it a lot. We ran it a lot because we had a great offensive line and really good running backs and a lot of them who could take a beating. I'm not sure we have the type of personnel to do that now.

"Don't misunderstand — we're going to work awfully hard on the running game. That's our identity."

There would certainly be fewer questions if it were clear that Russell would be returning. After rushing for 1,130 yards and 18 touchdowns as a sophomore, Russell was dismissed from school due to academics and spent the spring semester at a Twin Cities

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— Minnesota Head Coach Glen Mason

Russell: Brad Schloss
Pinnix: Lisa Blumenfeld/Getty Images

INTO HISTORY

MINNESOTA HAS HAD UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS RUNNING THE FOOTBALL THE LAST THREE SEASONS. HOW HAVE THEY DONE IT? AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, CAN THEY KEEP IT UP?

junior college. His status for the upcoming season likely won't be clear until shortly before camp opens.

If Russell is unavailable, Amir Pinnix seems to be the most likely candidate to be Minnesota's featured back. Depth, however, is going to be a concern.

"I've had confidence in Amir Pinnix since he's been here," Mason says. "I'm sure it was frustrating for him to be behind some guys who were pretty good. Now he gets a chance and that's all you can ask for."

When Maroney was injured late in the Big Ten season, Pinnix showed that he, too, can gain yards in the Minnesota offense. In a victory over Michigan State, Pinnix carried 32 times for 206 yards and a touchdown. For the season, Pinnix gained 467 yards and had a gaudy 6.0 yards per carry average.

If Minnesota's only question was finding a back, the Gophers might be in pretty good shape. Mason and Co. also have some significant holes to fill on the offensive line. After all, 40 percent of Minnesota's front five was picked in the NFL Draft.

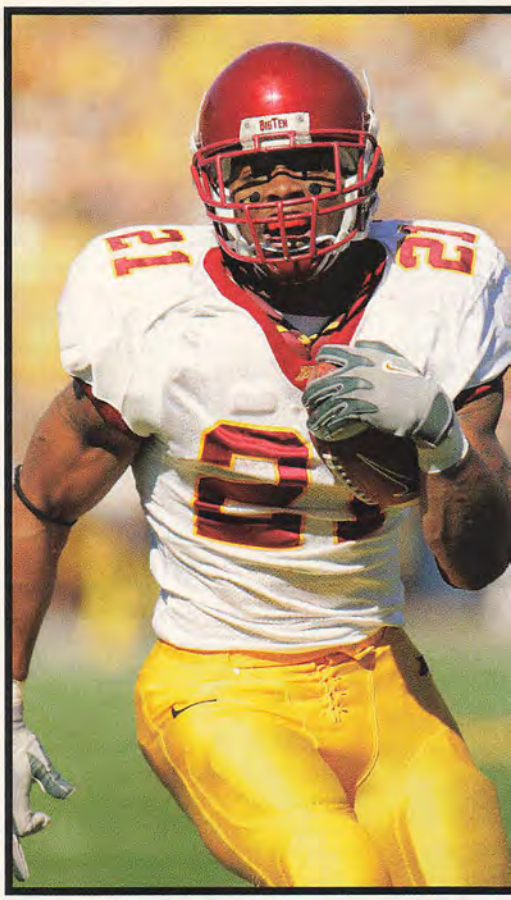
The biggest loss is Eslinger, last season's Outland Trophy winner. The lightly recruited North Dakotan stepped in and took over the center position when the Gophers lost Ben Hamilton to the Denver Broncos in 2001. Add in the loss of left guard Mark Setterstrom and there are serious questions.

Tony Brinkhaus will replace Eslinger at center — perhaps the most important line position for Minnesota — after starting every game last season at right tackle. It was a move made in large part because of the combination of Brinkhaus' mobility and his understanding of the concepts in the Gophers' offense.

"He's going to be OK," Shaw says. "I'm not going to say he's Greg Eslinger or Ben Hamilton, but he's doing a good job."

While it seems unlikely that Minnesota will be as effective on the ground as in the past seasons, this fall should provide answers as to how the Gophers have been effective.

Is it because running the ball is a priority? Is it because the Minnesota coaches consistently unearth quality backs? Is it because the Gophers blocking schemes create problems for opponents? Or will an impressive run simply come to an end?

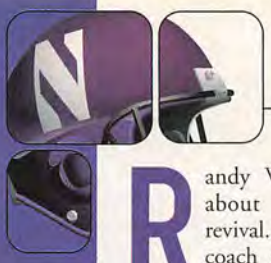


Marion Barber III (top) and Laurence Maroney

1,000-YARD RUSHERS UNDER GLEN MASON

YEAR	NAME			YARDS
2005	LAURENCE MARONEY	»	»	1,464
2005	GARY RUSSELL*	»	»	1,130
2004	MARION BARBER III	»	»	1,269
2004	LAURENCE MARONEY	»	»	1,348
2003	MARION BARBER III	»	»	1,196
2003	LAURENCE MARONEY	»	»	1,121
2002	TERRY JACKSON II	»	»	1,317
2001	TELLIS REDMON	»	»	1,091
2000	TELLIS REDMON	»	»	1,368
1999	THOMAS HAMNER	»	»	1,426

Barber and Maroney: Steve Woltmann



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Randy Walker has mixed feelings about Northwestern's recent revival. Walker is the first Wildcats coach since 1931 to win six or more games in three consecutive seasons. He's the first ever to win four or more Big Ten games in three straight years.

But the joy of six doesn't satisfy Walker. Though the three-year run shows stability in a program rocked by the 2001 death of safety Rashidi Wheeler, it also reinforces Northwestern's bleak history. "I'm almost apologetic," Walker says. "It's like, what's been going on here for 100 years?"

This 2006 season might be a brief return to the past. No, the Cats aren't headed for a last-place finish, but this team has some issues, particularly at quarterback, where Northwestern loses Big Ten co-Offensive Player of the Year Brett Basanez. In addition, the nation's worst defense in 2005 loses star linebacker Tim McGarigle and dependable tackle Barry Cofield.

Quarterbacks A fall-off here is inevitable as Northwestern loses Basanez — the school's all-time leading passer and the owner of 30 school records. The degree of the decline will sculpt Northwestern's season.

The new starter will be asked to manage games more than dominate them. C.J. Bachér enters the fall as a slight favorite. He has the strongest arm, with two years as Basanez's understudy and five games of experience. The sophomore also understands the shotgun spread system and knows the weapons at his disposal.

Redshirt freshmen Mike Kafka and Mike Brewer are greater risks with potentially greater rewards. Kafka has good size (6'3") and wide-ranging skills, but he threw five interceptions in two spring scrimmages. Brewer is easily the best athlete of the three. In addition to some decent passing numbers, he rushed for 166 yards and caught two passes as a receiver during the scrimmages.

"It's going to be a battle that could go beyond the opener," Walker says.

Running Backs The new quarterback's biggest asset this fall will be the man lining up beside him in the shotgun spread.

Tyrell Sutton was arguably the best freshman in the country last year, rushing for 1,474 yards and 16 touchdowns and catching 44 passes for 396 yards, on his way to Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors. He also finished eighth nationally in rushing, averaging 122.8 yards per game.

What Sutton lacks in foot speed he makes up with overwhelming lower-body strength. Although he rarely goes down at first contact, his aggressiveness has led to problems. Sutton lost six fumbles last season, a number that, with increased carries this fall, must drop.

"You have to be a lot smarter," Sutton says. "Know when to go down and know when to keep fighting."

Junior Brandon Roberson and fifth-year senior Terrell Jordan are capable backups, but both have had chronic leg injuries.

Receivers Wide receiver is one of several positions where Northwestern never struggles to reload, and this season should be no different despite the losses of starters Mark Philmore and Jonathan Fields.

Leading a solid corps is Shaun Herbert, an undervalued possession receiver who ranked third in the Big Ten in receptions last year (6.6 per game). Herbert has mastered the short routes that sustain the spread offense.

NUMBERS GAME

20 Northwestern's defense tied the single-season school record with 20 interceptions last season. Thirteen different players picked off passes as the Wildcats matched a mark set during the 1948 Rose Bowl season.

Complementing Herbert are big-play threats Kim Thompson and Ross Lane. At 6'4", Thompson is somewhat of a find for Northwestern — which usually gets smaller receivers — but the junior has yet to realize his potential. Lane had a strong freshman year with 378 receiving yards, but classmate Rasheed Ward leapfrogged him this spring at starting slot receiver. Incoming freshman Carl Fisher could contribute right away.

Offensive Linemen Much like other position groups, the line loses its most recognizable member but returns a stockpile of veterans. Three-year starter Zach Strief, named first-team All-America by the Football Writers Association of America, is gone. The returnees must jell under new leadership to protect a new quarterback. Northwestern allowed only 11 sacks last year.

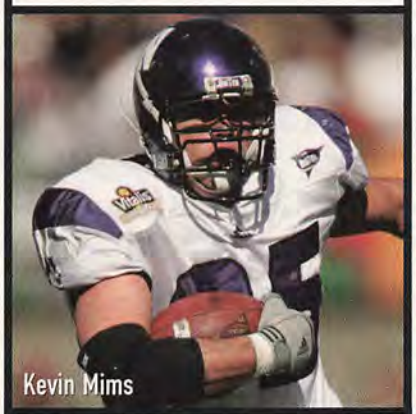
Right guard Ryan Keenan will be expected to take on a leadership role. He missed part of spring practice with mononucleosis. Austin Matthews moves to right tackle after starting nine games at center last year.

Returning starters Dylan Thiry and Joe Tripodi brace the left side. Tripodi, an unsung senior guard, could share leadership duties with Keenan. The biggest addition is a familiar face, Trevor Rees, who started two seasons before being ruled academically ineligible in 2005. Rees, a first-team freshman All-American in 2003, returned this spring and reclaimed his starting job.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

Northwestern returns plenty of experience, but not in the most critical spot. For the first time in four years the Wildcats have a battle at quarterback after saying farewell to Brett Basanez, the school's all-time leading passer. Ranked fourth nationally in 2005, Northwestern's thriving spread offense returns weapons in running back Tyrell Sutton and wide receiver Shaun Herbert. But it will surge or sputter depending on quarterbacks C.J. Bachér, Mike Kafka or Andrew Brewer. Bachér is the early favorite, but coach Randy Walker doesn't plan to decide on a starter until after the season opener. A schedule that begins with four of six games on the road should reveal the frontrunner fast. Several playmakers are gone from the nation's worst defense, but promising young linemen and a deep secondary provide some hope. Despite allowing large yardage totals, Northwestern forced 30 turnovers and scored its first three defensive touchdowns since 2000. The 3-4 package will be used more to aid a maturing line and emphasize the linebackers, who can be forceful if healthy. Northwestern has some flexibility in the secondary, which could be critical against the Big Ten's offenses. An unfriendly schedule could curtail expectations, but Northwestern has made overachieving a tradition.



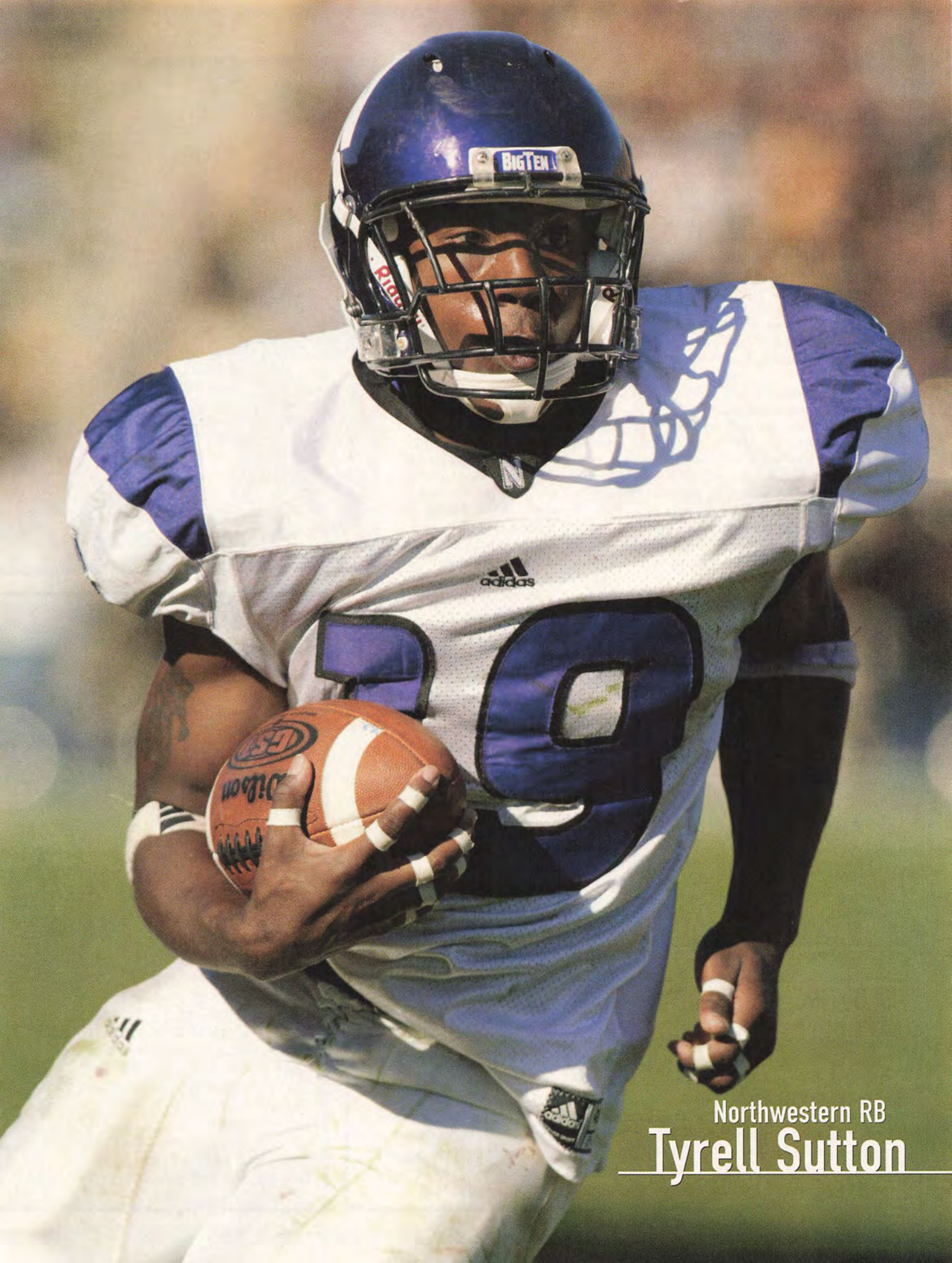
Kevin Mims

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	**31**	**at Miami (Ohio)**	*
S.	9	New Hampshire	W
S.	16	Eastern Michigan	W
S.	22	at Nevada	W
S.	30	at Penn State	L
O.	7	at Wisconsin	L
O.	14	Purdue	L
O.	**21**	**Michigan State**	*
O.	28	at Michigan	L
N.	4	at Iowa	L
N.	11	Ohio State	L
N.	18	Illinois	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Sutton: Al Kooistra; Mims: Chris Covatta



Northwestern RB

Tyrell Sutton

Defensive Linemen Northwestern's weakest group a year ago was also its youngest. A year filled with growing pains should help a line that could make or break the defense in 2006.

Few players made more offseason progress than Kevin Mims, who is pegged to become a potent pass rusher. Mims earned Lineman of the Game honors in the Sun Bowl after returning an interception for a touchdown.

Northwestern has excellent depth at end with David Ngene and Mark Koehn, both of whom have starting experience, and Corey Wootton, who missed the final eight games with a neck injury. There are fewer certainties inside. John Gill must make strides after starting seven games in 2005. Redshirt freshman tackle Adam Hahn hurdled Keegan Kennedy for the starting job in spring practice.

Linebackers Coordinator Greg Colby plans to use more 3-4 schemes to accentuate a group that is traditionally the defense's strength. The Wildcats lose McGarigle, the NCAA's all-time leading tackler (548), but will build around returning starters Nick Roach and Adam Kadela.

Roach, a potential star as well as team leader, must stay healthy to showcase his impressive closing speed. Kadela moves from strong-side linebacker to the middle, although promising sophomore Mike Dinard will also see action on the field at middle linebacker.

Senior Demetrius Eaton, a linebacker-end hybrid, will compete with Campbell Black, Eddie Simpson and Chris Malleo for the third (and potentially fourth) starting linebacker spot.

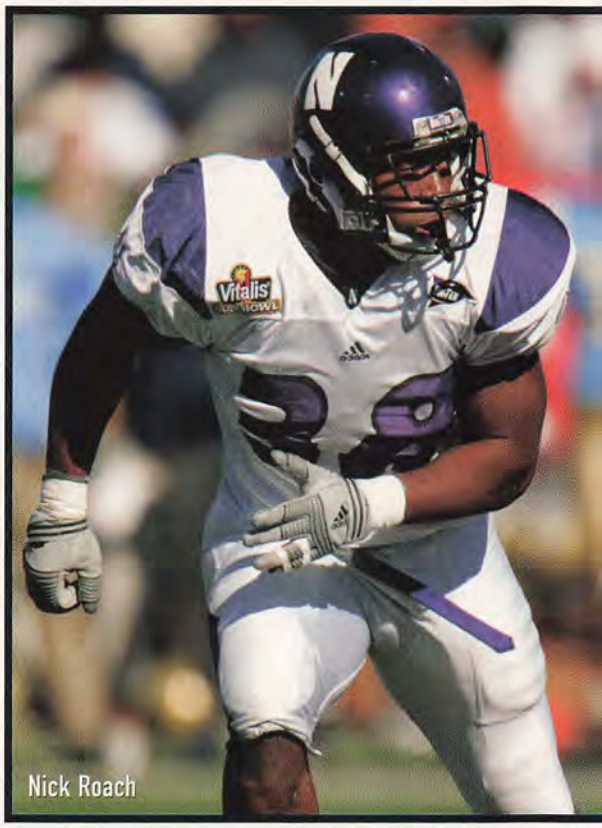
Health is the top priority for this group. Eaton, Simpson and highly touted redshirt freshman Chris Jeske nursed injuries in spring ball.

Defensive Backs Secondary coach Jerry Brown has no shortage of options in what should be an improved secondary. Three starting positions appear to be set with Marquise Cole, a proven cover corner, and safeties Heinz and Brendan Smith.

Where things get interesting is at the other cornerback spot. Before spring practice, Walker moved wide receiver Eric Peterman and running back Gerard Hamlett to cornerback. Though both players have an open door to return to offense, Walker told the pair, "I'm not taking you over there to be backups." Peterman took the message to heart and heads into the summer as the starter over Cory Dious. But everyone could be bumped if former starter Deante Battle returns from a suspension. Junior Reggie McPherson provides depth behind Smith at free safety.

Specialists Northwestern appeared to have kicked its "special" problem until it resurfaced in late-season losses to Ohio State (blocked punt returned for TD) and UCLA (two missed PATs, one field goal blocked, two onside kicks returned for TDs). But Walker remains optimistic about this group, in particular senior kicker Joel Howells. The Wildcats bring in a scholarship kicker, freshman Stefan Demos, but Walker insists that Howells will start. A bigger concern is punter, where Slade Larscheid competes with Kyle Daley and Amado Villarreal.

Kickoff returns must be upgraded after Northwestern finished 10th in the Big Ten. The Wildcats bring back the league's best punt return team, led by Cole, who averaged 27 yards on eight returns.



RISING STAR

Incoming recruit Carl Fisher could turn heads immediately and see some time at wide receiver this season. One of only three recruits from Illinois, the 6'1" Fisher is expected to blend in right away. "He's got good speed, good hands and real good potential," CSTV recruiting analyst Tom Lemming says. "He can be a big-play threat for them."

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Second chance Center Trevor Rees took plenty of heat when he was ruled academically ineligible for the 2005 season. Rees has received a more welcoming response after working his way back to the field. "A bunch of the guys are real excited," he says. "Me doing what I needed to was a big step in showing them that I'm fully committed to being here."

Planning ahead Northwestern awarded coach Randy Walker a four-year contract extension through 2011. If Walker fulfills the contract, he would pass Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf to become the longest-tenured Northwestern coach (13 seasons).

Playing defense Walker didn't appreciate the sarcastic cheer from boosters during Northwestern's Signing Day news conference when video of incoming kicker Stefan Demos flashed on the screen. Fans targeted Walker and kicker Joel Howells after a Sun Bowl loss that featured numerous kicking blunders. "I'm disappointed I had to defend (Howells)," Walker says. "I saw what he did all year. Unfortunately, people forget quickly."

Chris Covatta

SCOUTING THE WILDCATS

Opposing coaches size up Northwestern: "I don't know if anybody in the country does more with less talent than Randy Walker. They do a great job of spreading you out on offense and they really know how to take advantage of individual matchups. They'll really miss (Brett) Basanez because he was really the trigger man on offense.... (Tyrell) Sutton is one of the best backs in the league. He's not really that big, but has good vision and finds holes and springs through them.... (Shaun) Herbert is another one of those guys who has overachieved. He's not the fastest guy in the world, but he catches everything thrown to him.... They'll continue to struggle on defense because they don't have enough athletes over there. They're capable of beating anybody in the league, but they've got a tougher schedule this year, so the record might not be as good."

2006 NORTHWESTERN ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
18 Bachér, C.J.	QB	6'2"	200	So.	Sacramento, CA
12 Brewer, Andrew	QB	6'3"	215	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
13 Kafka, Mike	QB	6'3"	205	Fr.	Oak Lawn, IL
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
29 Conteh, Omar	RB	6'0"	205	So.	Cypress, TX
26 Jordan, Terrell	RB	5'10"	200	Sr.	Clarkston, GA
11 Roberson, Brandon	RB	5'9"	200	Jr.	Pearland, TX
33 Shanks, Nathan	RB	5'11"	220	Jr.	Taylorville, IL
19 Sutton, Tyrell	RB	5'9"	190	So.	Akron, OH
35 Woodsum, Mark	FB	6'0"	235	Fr.	Arlington Heights, IL
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
49 Abernathy, Frayne	TE/FB	6'3"	245	Jr.	North Augusta, SC
32 Cheatham, Sam	WR	5'10"	200	Jr.	San Leandro, CA
44 Cobb, Erryn	TE/FB	6'1"	255	Sr.	Woodridge, IL
81 Frymire, Kevin	WR	6'1"	175	Fr.	Burr Ridge, IL
3 Herbert, Shaun	WR	6'1"	200	Sr.	Oxon Hill, MD
87 Jones, Tonjua	WR	6'2"	185	Jr.	Southfield, MI
9 Lane, Ross	WR	6'3"	190	So.	Ft. Myers, FL
24 Mitchell, Kevin	WR	6'2"	220	Fr.	Skokie, IL
84 Thompson, Kim	WR	6'4"	195	Jr.	Inkster, MI
8 Ward, Rasheed	WR	5'10"	175	So.	Chicago, IL
7 Yarbrough, Jeff	WR	5'11"	180	So.	Richton Park, IL
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
52 Belding, Joel	C	6'3"	300	So.	Seville, OH
65 Bemenderfer, Thomas	T	6'5"	280	Fr.	Mishawaka, IN
68 Compton, Tyler	OL	6'5"	305	Fr.	Humble, TX
77 Crum, Adam	G	6'1"	295	Jr.	Anchor Point, AK
60 Diaz, Ramon	OL	6'4"	280	Fr.	Morris, IL
56 Keenan, Ryan	G	6'4"	290	Sr.	Westlake, OH
78 Mattes, Kurt	T	6'6"	285	Fr.	Larksville, PA
62 Matthews, Austin	T	6'5"	305	Jr.	Orange Park, FL
73 McConnell, Fred	OL	6'3"	310	Jr.	Southfield, MI
50 Rees, Trevor	C	6'2"	285	Jr.	Pearland, TX
59 Rucks, Alex	OL	6'4"	300	So.	Lincolnshire, IL
76 Taylor, Desmond	G	6'3"	275	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA
74 Thiry, Dylan	T	6'8"	315	Jr.	Louisville, KY
51 Tripodi, Joe	G	6'3"	310	Sr.	Chelsea, MI
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
58 Anderson, Warren	DT	6'3"	270	Jr.	Ventura, CA
57 Clark, Matt	DT	6'3"	290	So.	Orlando, FL
70 Gill, John	DT	6'3"	295	So.	Los Altos Hills, CA
79 Hahn, Adam	DT	6'4"	290	Fr.	Hartford, WI
71 Highlen, Tanner	DL	6'2"	280	Fr.	Peoria, AZ
92 Kennedy, Keegan	DT	6'3"	280	So.	Jupiter, FL
91 Koehn, Mark	DE	6'3"	270	Jr.	Newton, KS
95 Mims, Kevin	DE	6'3"	280	So.	The Woodlands, TX
72 Ngene, David	DE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Humble, TX
99 Wootton, Corey	DE	6'6"	255	So.	Rutherford, NJ
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
46 Arrington, Malcolm	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Rochester Hills, MI
37 Black, Campbell	LB	6'3"	225	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
31 Dinard, Mike	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Parma, OH
42 Eaton, Demetrius	LB	6'2"	250	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI
50 Jeske, Chris	LB	6'0"	230	Fr.	Yorkville, IL
48 Johnson, Rejaie	LB	6'1"	230	So.	La Marque, TX
43 Kadela, Adam	LB	6'2"	245	Jr.	Dublin, OH
36 Kwateng, Prince	LB	6'2"	225	So.	Munster, IN
82 Malleo, Chris	LB	6'3"	225	Jr.	Wall Township, NJ
38 Roach, Nick	LB	6'2"	245	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI
40 Simpson, Eddie	LB	6'0"	230	Jr.	Houston, TX
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
35 Black, Ryan	CB	5'10"	180	Jr.	Pasadena, CA
34 Butler, André	S	5'11"	180	So.	Dolton, IL
20 Cole, Marquice	CB	5'10"	185	Sr.	Hazel Crest, IL
6 Dious, Cory	CB	5'9"	170	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
44 Dockery, Todd	S	5'11"	200	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
49 Downing, Tim	CB	5'8"	175	So.	Novi, MI
23 Hamlett, Gerard	CB	5'10"	190	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
21 Heinz, Bryan	SS	6'2"	215	Sr.	Lone Tree, CO
4 Hunter, Akeem	S	5'11"	210	So.	Chicago, IL
27 McPherson, Reggie	FS	6'1"	190	Jr.	San Leandro, CA
16 Oredugba, David	CB	6'2"	190	So.	Sherman Oaks, CA
10 Peterman, Eric	CB	6'1"	200	So.	Sherman, IL
47 Richart, Chaz	CB	5'10"	180	So.	North Vernon, IN
45 Rothrauff, Ben	SS	5'10"	195	Jr.	Columbus, OH
39 Smith, Brendan	FS	6'1"	215	So.	Andover, MA
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
86 Brunner, Phil	LS	6'1"	225	So.	South Milwaukee, WI
97 Daley, Kyle	P/K	6'0"	190	So.	Arlington, TX
93 Howells, Joel	K	6'4"	225	Sr.	Sycamore, IL
15 Larscheid, Slade	P/K	6'1"	210	Sr.	Spearfish, SD
96 Villarreal, Amado	K/P	5'10"	175	So.	Englewood, CO

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**3**	**Shaun Herbert**	**Sr.**
WR	84	Kim Thompson	Jr.
WR	8	Rasheed Ward	So.
LT	**74**	**Dylan Thiry**	**Jr.**
LG	**51**	**Joe Tripodi**	**Sr.**
C	50	Trevor Rees	Jr.
RG	**56**	**Ryan Keenan**	**Sr.**
RT	**62**	**Austin Matthews**	**Jr.**
TE	44	Erryn Cobb	Sr.
QB	18	C.J. Bachér	So.
RB	**19**	**Tyrell Sutton**	**So.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	32	Sam Cheatham	Jr.
WR	87	Tonjua Jones	Jr.
WR	9	Ross Lane	So.
LT	65	Thomas Bemenderfer	Fr.
LG	77	Adam Crum	Jr.
C	52	Joel Belding	So.
RG	76	Desmond Taylor	Fr.
RT	78	Kurt Mattes	Fr.
TE	49	Frayne Abernathy	Jr.
QB	13	Mike Kafka	Fr.
RB	11	Brandon Roberson	Jr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (5)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**95**	**Kevin Mims**	**So.**
DT	79	Adam Hahn	Fr.
DT	**70**	**John Gill**	**So.**
DE	72	David Ngene	Jr.
SLB	42	Demetrius Eaton	Sr.
MLB	**43**	**Adam Kadela**	**Jr.**
WLB	**38**	**Nick Roach**	**Sr.**
CB	**20**	**Marquice Cole**	**Sr.**
CB	10	Eric Peterman	So.
SS	21	Bryan Heinz	Sr.
FS	39	Brendan Smith	So.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	99	Corey Wootton	So.
DT	92	Keegan Kennedy	So.
DT	58	Warren Anderson	Jr.
DE	91	Mark Koehn	Jr.
SLB	37	Campbell Black	Sr.
MLB	31	Mike Dinard	So.
WLB	40	Eddie Simpson	Jr.
CB	35	Ryan Black	Jr.
CB	6	Cory Dious	Sr.
SS	45	Ben Rothrauff	Jr.
FS	27	Reggie McPherson	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	93	Joel Howells	Sr.
P	15	Slade Larscheid	Sr.
KR	23	Gerard Hamlett	So.
PR	20	Marquice Cole	Sr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Randy Walker
Record at School: 37–46 (7 years)
Career Record: 96–81–5 (16 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Garrick McGee
Defensive Coordinator: Greg Colby
Evanston, Ill.
Ryan Field (47,130)

2006 SIGNEES

Mike Boyle	OL	6'7"	270	Havertown, PA
Corbin Bryant	DE	6'4"	240	Chicago, IL
Lee Coleman	WR	6'0"	170	Gainesville, GA
Quentin Davie	LB	6'4"	200	St. Louis, MO
Stefan Demos	K	5'10"	175	Scottsdale, AZ
Carl Fisher II	WR	6'1"	200	Bolingbrook, IL
Kendal Mason	DT	6'1"	270	Delray Beach, FL
Joe Mauro	QB	6'4"	210	Bedford, TX
Sherrick McManis	CB	6'1"	170	Peoria, IL
Brendan Mitchell	TE	6'3"	240	Twinsburg, OH
Brad Phillips	ATH	6'2"	200	Export, PA
Stephen Simmons	TB	5'9"	180	St. Louis, MO
Connor Smith	OL	6'2"	275	Canyon Lake, TX
Sidney Stewart	WR	6'1"	170	Farmington Hills, MI
Marshall Thomas	DT	6'3"	270	Miami, FL
Justan Vaughn	CB	6'0"	175	Pearland, TX
Nate Williams	LB	6'2"	220	Pittsburgh, PA

The 2006 class hardly rivaled its predecessor, which included running back Tyrell Sutton, safety Brendan Smith and quarterbacks Mike Kafka and Andrew Brewer. With only 17 players and few nationally known names, many termed this year's group a disappointment. But Walker wasn't fazed, noting that Northwestern prides itself on developing under-the-radar players. The Wildcats addressed their primary weakness — defense — by signing three linemen, two linebackers and two defensive backs. Cornerbacks Justan Vaughn and Brad Phillips could play this fall, and linebackers Quentin Davie and Nate Williams, a first-team all-state selection in Pennsylvania, will get close looks. Walker has reaffirmed his loyalty to Joel Howells, but incoming recruit Stefan Demos might be the man who finally stabilizes Northwestern's kicking game. Demos, an all-state selection in Arizona, will challenge for a starting job. And don't forget Joe Mauro, a late-bloomer who could shake up the quarterback competition.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 7–5 (5–3 Big Ten)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	3	Ohio	W	38–14	20,115
S.	10	Northern Illinois	W	38–37	35,114
S.	17	at Arizona State	L	21–52	55,029
S.	24	Penn State	L	29–34	24,395
O.	8	Wisconsin	W	51–48	33,859
O.	15	at Purdue	W	34–29	62,866
O.	22	at Michigan State	W	49–14	74,635
O.	29	Michigan	L	17–33	47,130
N.	5	Iowa	W	28–27	34,550
N.	12	at Ohio State	L	7–48	105,181
N.	19	at Illinois	W	38–21	31,465
D.	30	#UCLA	L	38–50	50,425
		#Sun Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Brett Basanez	497	314	3,622	21	8
C.J. Bacher	**15**	**6**	**59**	**1**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Tyrell Sutton	**250**	**1,474**	**5.9**	**16**	
Brett Basanez	113	423	3.7	7	
Gerard Hamlett	**32**	**174**	**5.4**	**1**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Shaun Herbert	**79**	**862**	**10.9**	**6**	
Jonathan Fields	60	555	9.2	0	

Kicking: **Joel Howells, 11-21 FGs, 45-48 XPs, 78 points**
Tackles: Tim McGarigle, 156; **Nick Roach, 77**
Sacks: Four players with 2
Interceptions: **Marquise Cole, 5**

Returning Players in Bold

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At Ohio State, a place once known as "the graveyard of coaches," Jim Tressel has managed to find a cushy seat with 50 wins in five years and the 2002 national championship. However, Tressel could be taken out of his comfort zone in 2006 even though the Buckeyes, once again, will be expected to contend for the title.

While a young defense develops and Tressel works to make his special teams an asset, he may have to unleash a high-octane offensive attack. If the Buckeyes can pick up where they left off last year — 34 points and 617 yards of offense in a Fiesta Bowl drubbing of Notre Dame — they should be up to the challenge.

Playmakers abound on offense even with the loss of receiver Santonio Holmes, and for the first time in his career quarterback Troy Smith will start the season entrenched as the Buckeyes' signal-caller.

"I never thought that something like that would affect me," receiver Anthony Gonzalez says, "but to be perfectly honest, I can't express how nice it is to know that when you go out there you're going to have No. 10 out there. Having a guy who you've been with for years and you've kind of grown with, it really is nice for an offense. Everybody knows what to expect."

The Buckeyes enjoyed that kind of reliability on defense in recent years, but A.J. Hawk, Bobby Carpenter, Donte Whitner and Ashton Youboty are among the nine departed starters, leaving the staff charged with reloading on that side of the ball.

"We've got a semi-veteran front that's got to become very veteran, and we've got a young group of linebackers who have to learn every day, and we've got an extremely young group in the secondary where every day is going to be an adventure, but that's college football," Tressel says.

Quarterbacks Smith drew comparisons to Vince Young last year after burning defenses in the air and on the ground to the tune of 263.0 yards of total offense per game. His ultimate motivation is to compete for a national championship in his final collegiate game just as Young did.

"As I look back to when I was a freshman, I see I took a lot of things for granted, the things that Craig (Krenzel), Mike Doss, Donnie Nickey, Will Smith and Michael Jenkins did," he says of the 2002 national championship season. "I was just a young guy on that team and they were dead serious every day. I'm trying to get everybody around us right now on the same page like that."

With Smith's abilities to move the ball and his leadership not in question, the OSU offense could sizzle. Even if something happens to Smith, backup Justin Zwick has experience starting in big games.

Running Backs Tailback Antonio Pittman is coming off a fantastic year in which he rushed for more than 1,300 yards and racked up seven 100-yard games. And freshman Chris "Beanie" Wells already looks like a star-in-waiting.

While Pittman is speedy and quick to the hole, Wells has vision, balance and power to go with surprising speed. In fact, he looks like Eddie George on occasion. Look for Pittman to retain his starting status but for Wells to make a major contribution.

OSU could use a boost from a versatile Stan White at fullback, while Dionte Johnson, the son of former Buckeye Pepper Johnson, is a bruiser.

NUMBERS GAME

9 It's inescapable. No matter how much young talent permeates OSU's defense, the unit still has to overcome the loss of nine starters. Six of the nine were drafted and the other three signed free agent contracts.

Receivers A top-five receiver in Ohio State annals, Holmes and his steady production are gone. However, Ted Ginn Jr. is rounding into form as an outstanding all-around wideout to go along with his gamebreaking skills in the open field. His receiving numbers should only go up.

"I've been totally blown away," Gonzalez says of Ginn. "I mean, he's doing everything extremely well, and I'm really looking forward to seeing what it translates into."

Hulking Roy Hall (6'3", 240) is now a consistent possession receiver who can line up opposite Ginn and allow Gonzalez to stay in a slot formation in three-receiver sets. Gonzalez excels as an inside receiver with his smarts, speed, elusiveness and toughness — much like Brandon Stokely does for the Indianapolis Colts.

"Gonzo does that so well," Tressel says. "He reads everything in there so well. But on the other hand we want to mix up who's where and what they do."

Offensive Linemen The line will feel the loss of longtime starters Nick Mangold and Rob Sims but boasts experience in right tackle Kirk Barton, right guard T.J. Downing and Doug Datish — a jack-of-all-trades who is expected to man the center position left vacant by Mangold.

The two players projecting to start on the left side could blot out the sun. The coaches are hoping onetime super recruit Alex Boone (6'8", 315) can anchor left tackle, while Steve Rehring (6'8", 329) will open fall camp as the starting left guard.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE BUCKEYES

High expectations are nothing new at Ohio State, but they come with a little trepidation in 2006 since the Buckeyes lost a bevy of players (nine, to be exact) to the NFL Draft. Yet OSU still could be expected to win every time it takes the field. To handle the pressure, the team will look to three cool customers — ultra-calm head coach Jim Tressel, unflappable wideout/kick returner Ted Ginn Jr., and quarterback Troy Smith, who is as commanding in the huddle as he is dangerous with the ball. Also, the running game could rank with the best, thanks to a massive line and the thunder-and-lightning combo of Antonio Pittman and Chris Wells. But can OSU find reliable components on defense? The coaches believe the strength is up front, although David Patterson will now have to make it happen on the interior defensive line and Jay Richardson is in now-or-never mode at end. Marcus Freeman can't just replace A.J. Hawk — who can? — but he appears to be ready to excel at outside linebacker and take on a leadership role. He'll need to, because the other projected starters in the back seven are especially green. The defense has a chance to make great strides but will have to grow up fast with early games at Texas and Iowa.

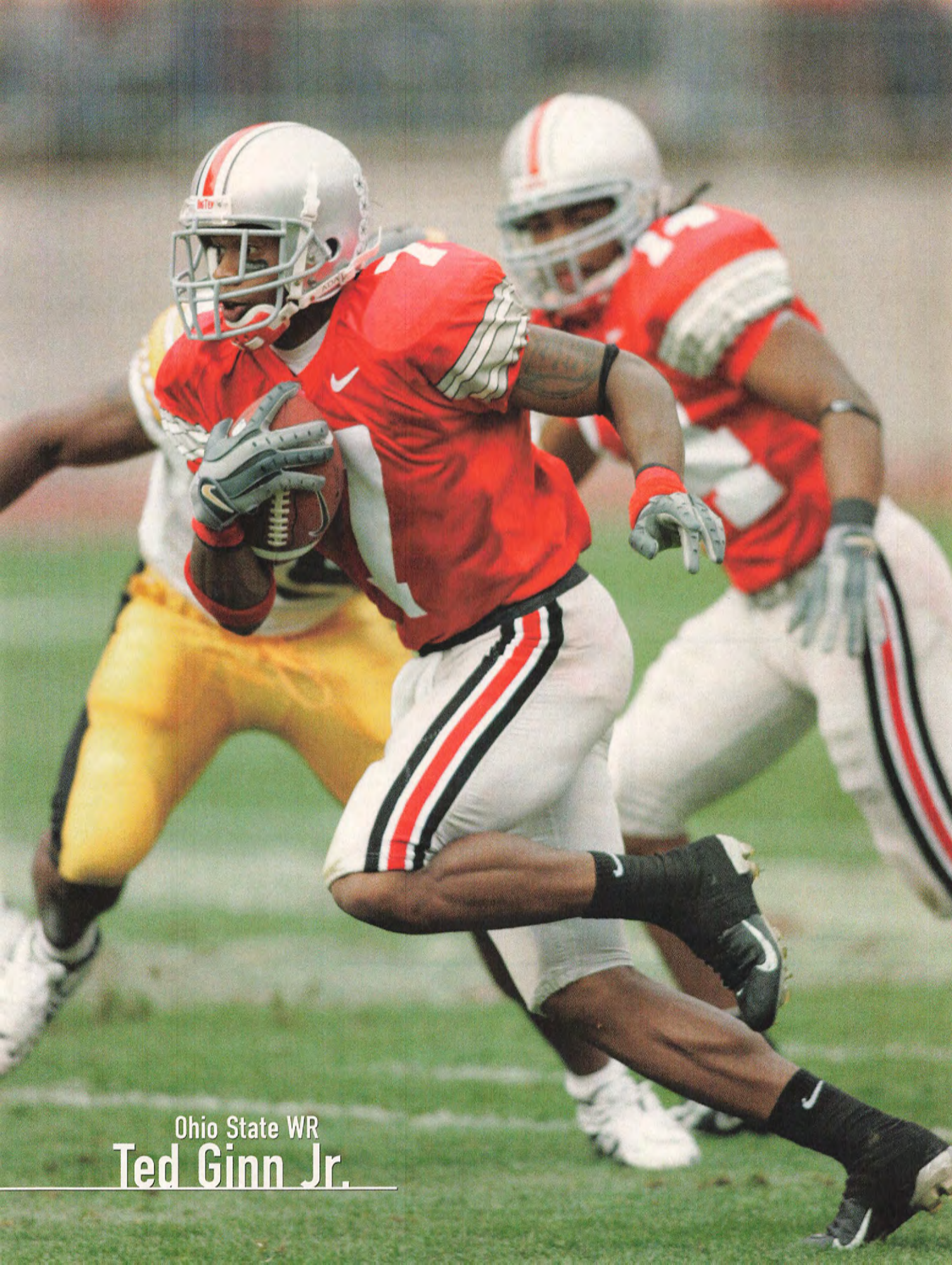
Antonio Pittman

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	Northern Illinois	W
S.	**9**	**at Texas**	*
S.	16	Cincinnati	W
S.	23	Penn State	W
S.	30	at Iowa	W
O.	7	Bowling Green	W
O.	14	at Michigan State	W
O.	21	Indiana	W
O.	28	Minnesota	W
N.	4	at Illinois	W
N.	11	at Northwestern	W
N.	**18**	**Michigan**	*

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Ginn, Pittman: Tim Umphrey



Ohio State WR

Ted Ginn Jr.

If they can play up to their potential and the other starters stay healthy, the offensive line has a chance to be dominant.

The depth is thin, although Tim Schafer is a fifth-year senior who has shifted around, and the coaches are high on developing center Jim Cordle, a redshirt freshman.

Defensive Linemen David Patterson's shift inside next to Quinn Pitcock will give Ohio State two experienced performers who are willing to throw their bodies around and disrupt plays. However, they also represent OSU's only returning starters on defense.

The end spots are high on potential and uncertainty, with physically gifted projected starters Jay Richardson and Lawrence Wilson. Vernon Gholston and Doug Worthington are among the youngsters who could shuttle in, which is the preferred mode of operation for co-defensive coordinator Jim Heacock.

Linebackers James Laurinaitis got to play extensive minutes against Michigan and Notre Dame due to an injury to Carpenter, and he's begun to show the coaches he can be a steady presence on the strong side. However, juco transfer Larry Grant didn't arrive just to be another body, and he's not to be counted out of the mix. Grant used the spring to adjust to practicing at the major college level and could vault into the top half of the rotation with a consistent fall camp.

The weak-side position that Hawk played to near perfection now belongs to Marcus Freeman, who has impressed the coaches with his football IQ and ability to make plays.

John Kerr projects as the starter in the middle, especially if fellow fifth-year player Mike D'Andrea can't recover from a nagging knee injury. Kerr actually has been through the Big Ten wars as a former leading tackler at Indiana.

Defensive Backs Here's where it gets dicey. All four starters are gone, meaning the cover people are unproven and the safety positions could lose some pop without Whitner and Nate Salley.

Cornerback Malcolm Jenkins is the only returning member of the defense who ranked in the top 10 in tackles last year, and the staff is hoping he can be a shutdown defender. At the break of spring, the other projected starter was Antonio Smith, a former walk-on. Donald Washington, a highly competitive redshirt freshman, is pushing there.

Jamario O'Neal and Nick Patterson will man the safety spots with plenty of help from Brandon Mitchell and Anderson Russell, who the coaches believe is a natural in the "Star" position as a fifth defensive back.

Specialists Ohio State kickers are nothing if not interesting stories. Mike Nugent went from a mediocre freshman to a superstar by the time he was a senior, and his successor, Josh Huston, neared Nugent's Lou Groza Award status as a sixth-year senior in 2005. Now, OSU's kicker could be Ryan Pretorius, a 27-year-old native of South Africa. Former walk-on Aaron Pettrey is next in line if Pretorius stumbles.

Punter A.J. Trapasso's average would have been better if not for a couple of shanks, something he needs to eliminate. The return game is in the sometimes-bobbly hands of Ginn, whose fleet feet should allow him to add to his school records. No one is more capable of changing a game on a kick return than Ginn.

Quinn Pitcock

RISING STAR

Everyone who follows football recruiting has heard of phenom Chris Wells of Akron. But after the Buckeyes reeled him in, position coach Dick Tressel tried to offer a little perspective by comparing "Beanie" to Hall of Fame legend Jim Brown. Anything close should be enough to impact the Big Ten.

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Fallen comrade OSU's lively spring practices took a sobering turn when walk-on Tyson Gentry suffered a serious neck injury during a scrimmage and was whisked away to OSU Medical Center for a reportedly damaged spine. Gentry, a 6'2", 165-pound backup punter who was trying his hand at wide receiver, underwent two surgeries before the end of spring practice, but his prognosis was not released. Former players signed autographs before the spring game with proceeds going to the family.

Good night? The Buckeyes used to be kings under the Saturday night lights but didn't fare so well under the glare against Texas and Penn State in 2005. Their fortunes once again could rest on how well they handle night games since they play at Texas and at Iowa in the evening this fall.

If the Shoe fits The team spent the spring practicing at the Horseshoe as the Woody Hayes Athletic Center underwent a lengthy renovation. "I like being in Ohio Stadium more," Tressel says. "We have the greatest stadium in America and we don't get here very much. It's kind of fun to be in that locker room more."

Brad Schloss

SCOUTING THE BUCKEYES

Opposing coaches size up Ohio State: "They were the best team in the league at the end of last season and they should be the best again this year. But you don't lose three linebackers, and the entire secondary and expect to play for a national championship. They've been really good on defense every year under Jim Tressel, but they've got to replace some All-American-type guys....This might be the best offense Tressel has had there. Troy Smith was really playing well at the end of the year. He's more patient in the pocket and isn't taking off running at the first sign of trouble. He's very elusive.... (Antonio Pittman) is better than Maurice Clarett was. He's faster and runs really hard. They'll miss Santonio Holmes, who was their best receiver, but Ted Ginn and Tony Gonzalez both are sprinters and can beat you vertically. That offense is going to have to score some points because they could struggle on defense."

2006 OHIO STATE ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
17 Boeckman, Todd	QB	6'5"	235	So.	St. Henry, OH
16 Schoenhoft, Rob	QB	6'6"	225	Fr.	Mason, OH
10 Smith, Troy	QB	6'1"	215	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
12 Zwick, Justin	QB	6'4"	225	Sr.	Massillon, OH
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
36 Daniels, Matt	FB	5'7"	205	So.	New Albany, OH
35 Franzinger, Ryan	FB	6'1"	250	Sr.	Westlake, OH
33 Gantz, Joe	RB	6'0"	203	Fr.	Wooster, OH
2 Haw, Erik	RB	6'1"	212	So.	Columbus, OH
49 Johnson, Dionte	FB	6'0"	250	Jr.	Columbus, OH
25 Pittman, Antonio	TB	5'11"	195	Jr.	Akron, OH
28 Wells, Chris	RB	6'1"	225	Fr.	Akron, OH
34 Wells, Maurice	TB	5'10"	190	So.	Jacksonville, FL
89 White Jr., Stan	FB	6'3"	242	Sr.	Baltimore, MD
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
83 Crall, Will	TE	6'3"	263	Fr.	Columbus, OH
5 Dukes, Albert	WR	6'1"	190	So.	Belle Glade, FL
81 Frost, Marcel	TE	6'5"	255	Jr.	South Euclid, OH
7 Ginn Jr., Ted	FL	6'0"	175	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
11 Gonzalez, Anthony	SE	6'0"	195	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
8 Hall, Roy	SE	6'3"	240	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
19 Harden, Derek	WR	6'1"	215	Sr.	Logan, OH
14 Hartline, Brian	WR	6'3"	180	Fr.	North Canton, OH
18 Lisko, David	WR	6'1"	220	So.	Hilliard, OH
88 Nicol, Rory	TE	6'5"	260	So.	Beaver, PA
86 Potokar, Dan	WR	6'0"	170	Fr.	Grove City, OH
80 Robiskie, Brian	WR	6'3"	190	So.	Cleveland, OH
15 Ruhl, Kyle	WR	6'1"	154	So.	Powell, OH
87 Smith, Brandon	TE	6'3"	240	So.	Euclid, OH
9 Ullery, Brent	WR	6'0"	203	Jr.	Centerville, OH
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
74 Barton, Kirk	T	6'7"	325	Jr.	Massillon, OH
75 Boone, Alex	T	6'8"	315	So.	Lakewood, OH
64 Cordle, Jim	C	6'5"	275	Fr.	Lancaster, OH
50 Datish, Doug	C	6'5"	295	Sr.	Warren, OH
72 Downing, T.J.	G	6'5"	305	Sr.	Canton, OH
78 Dye, Daniel	OL	6'3"	271	Jr.	Napoleon, OH
65 Ebner, Doug	OL	6'4"	285	So.	Hershey, PA
67 Mitchum, Kyle	G	6'6"	295	So.	Erie, PA
66 Moses, Andrew	OL	6'3"	267	Fr.	Dublin, OH
76 Parry, Drew	OL	6'2"	295	So.	Maumee, OH
63 Person, Ben	G	6'4"	315	So.	Xenia, OH
71 Rehring, Steve	G	6'8"	329	So.	West Chester, OH
68 Schafer, Tim	T	6'5"	290	Sr.	Upper Arlington, OH
79 Skinner, Jon	G	6'5"	300	So.	Mount Carmel, PA
77 Smith, Connor	OL	6'5"	295	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
54 Whaley, Tyler	OL	6'1"	270	So.	Ironton, OH
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
93 Abdallah, Nader	DT	6'5"	300	So.	Metairie, LA
78 Barrow, Alex	DE	6'4"	255	So.	Dublin, OH
95 Cotton, Sian	DT	6'4"	315	Jr.	Akron, OH
92 Daly, Brett	DL	6'7"	250	Jr.	Elyria, OH
92 Denlinger, Todd	DL	6'3"	265	Fr.	Troy, OH
96 Garnier, Juan	DL	6'4"	330	Sr.	Columbus, OH
50 Gholston, Vernon	DL	6'4"	260	So.	Detroit, MI
97 Patterson, David	DL	6'3"	285	Sr.	Warrensville Hts., OH
98 Penton, Joel	DL	6'5"	290	Sr.	Van Wert, OH
90 Pitcock, Quinn	DT	6'3"	295	Sr.	Piqua, OH
99 Richardson, Jay	DE	6'6"	276	Sr.	Dublin, OH
91 Williams, Ryan	DE	6'6"	245	Fr.	Mission Viejo, CA
87 Wilson, Lawrence	DE	6'6"	225	So.	Akron, OH
84 Worthington, Doug	DE	6'7"	250	Fr.	Athol Springs, NY
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
5 D'Andrea, Mike	LB	6'3"	248	Sr.	Avon Lake, OH
1 Freeman, Marcus	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Huber Heights, OH
41 Grant, Larry	LB	6'3"	225	Fr.	Norcorss, GA
51 Homan, Ross	LB	6'1"	237	Fr.	Coldwater, OH
46 Hoobler, Chad	LB	6'3"	240	Jr.	Carrollton, OH
52 Kerr, John	LB	6'1"	246	Sr.	Strongsville, OH
33 Laurinaitis, James	LB	6'3"	231	So.	Hamel, MN
53 Licker, Adam	LB	5'10"	190	So.	Pepper Pike, OH
49 Lukens, Ryan	LB	6'0"	230	So.	Lebanon, OH
26 Moeller, Tyler	LB	6'1"	205	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
16 Robinson, Trever	LB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Richmond, VA
38 Spitler, Austin	LB	6'3"	228	Fr.	Bellbrook, OH
55 Terry, Curtis	LB	6'2"	220	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
13 Amos, Andre	CB	6'1"	180	Fr.	Middletown, OH
29 Coleman, Kurt	DB	5'11"	185	Fr.	Clayton, OH
39 Dougherty, Michael	DB	5'11"	200	So.	Youngstown, OH
41 Haslam, De'Angelo	DB	5'9"	170	Jr.	Akron, OH
2 Jenkins, Malcolm	CB	6'1"	180	So.	Piscataway, NJ
29 Lane, Shaun	DB	5'10"	180	So.	Hubbard, OH
36 Lukens, Curt	SS	6'3"	215	Jr.	North Canton, OH
18 Lyons, Devon	S	6'4"	214	Jr.	North Braddock, PA
32 Mitchell, Brandon	FS	6'3"	205	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
3 O'Neal, Jamario	S	6'1"	180	So.	Cleveland, OH
35 Patterson, Nick	DB	6'2"	210	So.	St. Louis, MO
24 Roberts, Mike	CB	5'11"	185	Sr.	Toronto, ON
37 Russell, Anderson	SS	6'0"	190	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
14 Smith, Antonio	CB	5'9"	195	Sr.	Columbus, OH
19 Underwood, Brandon	DB	6'2"	170	So.	Hamilton, OH
20 Washington, Donald	DB	6'1"	185	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
30 Welch, Sirjo	FS	6'0"	185	Jr.	Columbus, OH
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
58 Norman, Drew	LS	6'0"	230	Sr.	Dennison, OH
20 Pettrey, Aaron	K	6'1"	184	Fr.	Raceland, KY
85 Pretorius, Ryan	K	5'10"	190	So.	Durban, South Africa
15 Trapasso, A.J.	P	6'1"	220	So.	Pickerington, OH

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**11**	**Anthony Gonzalez**	**Jr.**
WR	**7**	**Ted Ginn Jr.**	**Jr.**
LT	75	Alex Boone	So.
LG	71	Steve Rehring	So.
C	**50**	**Doug Datish**	**Sr.**
RG	**72**	**T.J. Downing**	**Sr.**
RT	**74**	**Kirk Barton**	**Jr.**
TE	88	Rory Nicol	So.
QB	**10**	**Troy Smith**	**Sr.**
FB	89	Stan White Jr.	Sr.
TB	**25**	**Antonio Pittman**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	8	Roy Hall	Sr.
WR	80	Brian Robiskie	So.
LT	68	Tim Schafer	Sr.
LG	79	Jon Skinner	So.
C	64	Jim Cordle	Fr.
RG	63	Ben Person	So.
RT	65	Doug Ebner	So.
TE	81	Marcel Frost	Jr.
QB	12	Justin Zwick	Sr.
FB	49	Dionte Johnson	Jr.
TB	28	Chris Wells	Fr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (2)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	87	Lawrence Wilson	So.
DT	**97**	**David Patterson**	**Sr.**
DT	**90**	**Quinn Pitcock**	**Sr.**
DE	99	Jay Richardson	Sr.
SLB	33	James Laurinaitis	So.
MLB	52	John Kerr	Sr.
WLB	1	Marcus Freeman	So.
CB	2	Malcolm Jenkins	So.
CB	14	Antonio Smith	Sr.
SS	3	Jamario O'Neal	So.
FS	35	Nick Patterson	So.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	50	Vernon Gholston	So.
DT	92	Todd Denlinger	Fr.
DT	98	Joel Penton	Sr.
DE	78	Alex Barrow	So.
SLB	41	Larry Grant	Fr.
MLB	5	Mike D'Andrea	Sr.
WLB	38	Austin Spitler	Fr.
CB	24	Mike Roberts	Sr.
CB	20	Donald Washington	Fr.
SS	21	Anderson Russell	Fr.
FS	32	Brandon Mitchell	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	85	Ryan Pretorius	So.
P	15	A.J. Trapasso	So.
KR	7	Ted Ginn Jr.	Jr.
PR	7	Ted Ginn Jr.	Jr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Jim Tressel
Record at School: 50–13 (5 years)
Career Record: 185–70–2 (20 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Jim Bollman
Co-Defensive Coordinators:
Jim Heacock, Luke Fickell
Columbus, Ohio • Ohio Stadium (101,568)

2006 SIGNEES

Jake Ballard	TE	6'7"	255	Springboro, OH
Bryant Browning	OL	6'4"	328	Cleveland, OH
Chimdi Chekwa	DB	6'1"	180	Clermont, FL
Kurt Coleman	DB	5'11"	185	Clayton, OH
Walter Dublin	DE	6'3"	235	Sarasota, FL
Aaron Gant	DB	6'0"	205	Orchard Lake, MI
Thaddeus Gibson	LB	6'3"	220	Euclid, OH
Larry Grant	LB	6'3"	225	San Francisco, CA
Antonio Henton	QB	6'2"	210	Fort Valley, GA
Ross Homan	LB	6'1"	237	Coldwater, OH
Mark Johnson	LB	6'4"	230	Los Angeles, CA
Dexter Larimore	DT	6'3"	275	Merrillville, IN
Andy Miller	TE	6'6"	250	Washington, PA
Tyler Moeller	LB	6'1"	205	Cincinnati, OH
Aram Olson	FB	6'2"	252	Columbia, SC
Robert Rose	DE	6'5"	260	Cleveland, OH
Grant Schwartz	DB	6'0"	200	Dana Hills, CA
Ray Small	WR	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH
Connor Smith	OL	6'5"	295	Cincinnati, OH
Chris Wells	RB	6'1"	225	Akron, OH

As is the recent trend, some of the top signees of Ohio State's 20-man recruiting class were able to enroll early and participate in spring practice. Those four players — running back Chris Wells, defensive back Kurt Coleman, and linebackers Ross Homan and Larry Grant — all took advantage of the jump and now figure to see the field come September. Also reloading the LB corps are Tyler Moeller, Thaddeus Gibson and Mark Johnson. OSU signed only two offensive linemen but nabbed a pair of mammoth tight ends in Jake Ballard and Andy Miller. Fullback Aram Olson is a wild card. The Columbia, S.C., product is a devastating lead blocker who could have a very bright future in the I-formation paving the way for for Wells. Quarterback Antonio Henton is a Troy Smith clone, and Robert Rose, the No. 1 defensive end prospect in the nation, kept the pipeline flowing from Cleveland Glenville. All in all, another impressive haul.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 10–2 (7–1 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 3	Miami (Ohio)	W	34–14	104,695
S. 10	Texas	L	22–25	105,565
S. 17	San Diego State	W	27– 6	104,533
S. 24	Iowa	W	31– 6	105,225
O. 8	at Penn State	L	10–17	109,839
O. 15	Michigan State	W	35–24	105,122
O. 22	at Indiana	W	41–10	52,866
O. 29	at Minnesota	W	45–31	54,825
N. 5	Illinois	W	40– 2	104,799
N. 12	Northwestern	W	48– 7	105,181
N. 19	at Michigan	W	25–21	111,591
J. 2	#Notre Dame	W	34–20	76,196
	#Fiesta Bowl			

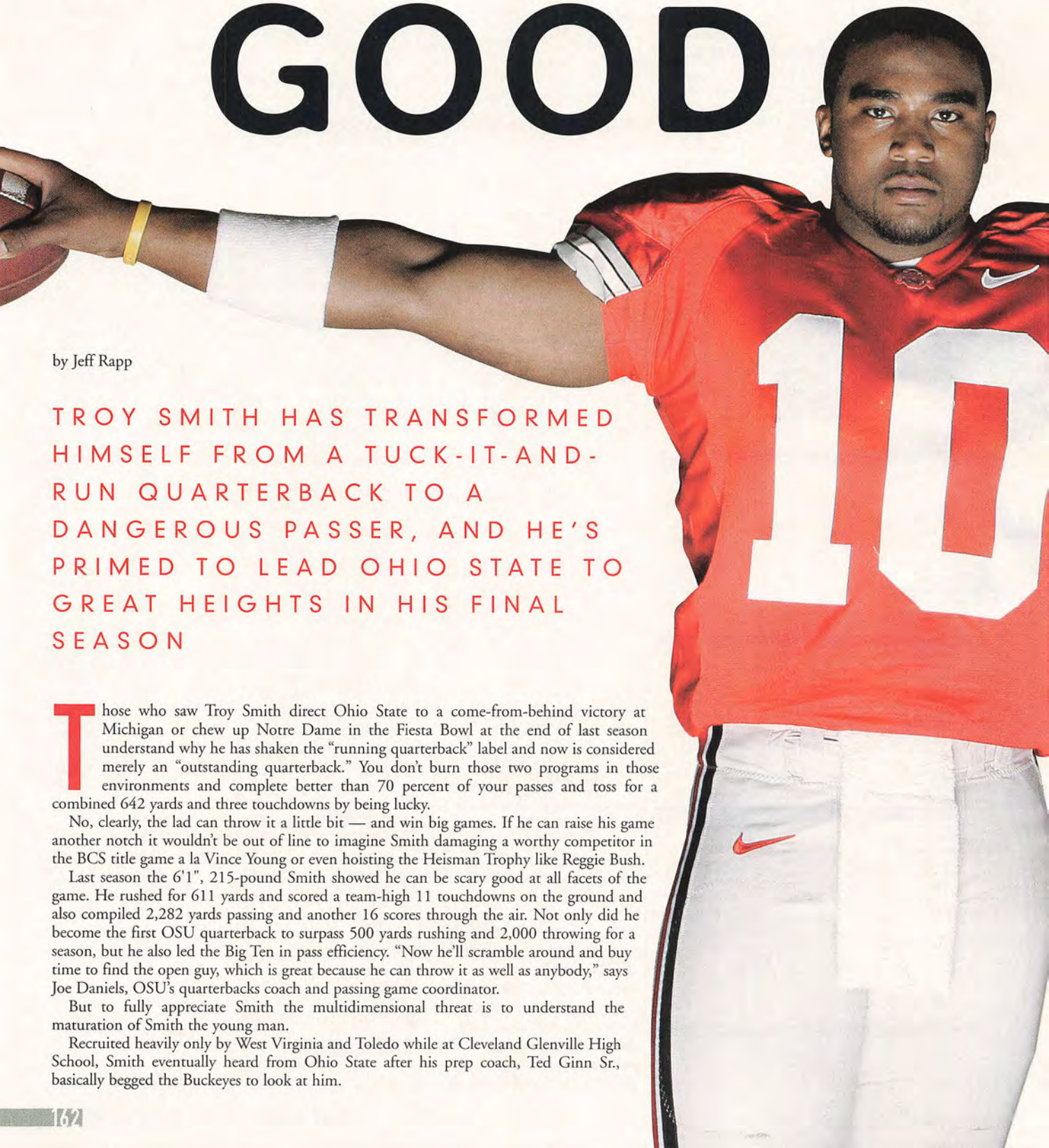
2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Troy Smith	**237**	**149**	**2,282**	**16**	**4**
Justin Zwick	**58**	**42**	**359**	**1**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**		**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**
Antonio Pittman	**243**		**1,331**	**5.5**	**7**
Troy Smith	**136**		**611**	**4.5**	**11**
Maurice Wells	**61**		**199**	**3.3**	**1**
Receiving	**Rec.**		**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**
Santonio Holmes	53		977	18.4	11
Ted Ginn Jr.	**51**		**803**	**15.7**	**4**

Kicking: Josh Huston, 22-28 FGs, 44-45 XPs, 110 points
Tackles: A.J. Hawk, 121; Anthony Schlegel, 82
Sacks: A.J. Hawk, 9.5; Mike Kudla, 9.5
Interceptions: Donte Whitner, 2

Returning Players in Bold

SCARY GOOD



by Jeff Rapp

TROY SMITH HAS TRANSFORMED HIMSELF FROM A TUCK-IT-AND-RUN QUARTERBACK TO A DANGEROUS PASSER, AND HE'S PRIMED TO LEAD OHIO STATE TO GREAT HEIGHTS IN HIS FINAL SEASON

Those who saw Troy Smith direct Ohio State to a come-from-behind victory at Michigan or chew up Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl at the end of last season understand why he has shaken the "running quarterback" label and now is considered merely an "outstanding quarterback." You don't burn those two programs in those environments and complete better than 70 percent of your passes and toss for a combined 642 yards and three touchdowns by being lucky.

No, clearly, the lad can throw it a little bit — and win big games. If he can raise his game another notch it wouldn't be out of line to imagine Smith damaging a worthy competitor in the BCS title game a la Vince Young or even hoisting the Heisman Trophy like Reggie Bush.

Last season the 6'1", 215-pound Smith showed he can be scary good at all facets of the game. He rushed for 611 yards and scored a team-high 11 touchdowns on the ground and also compiled 2,282 yards passing and another 16 scores through the air. Not only did he become the first OSU quarterback to surpass 500 yards rushing and 2,000 throwing for a season, but he also led the Big Ten in pass efficiency. "Now he'll scramble around and buy time to find the open guy, which is great because he can throw it as well as anybody," says Joe Daniels, OSU's quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator.

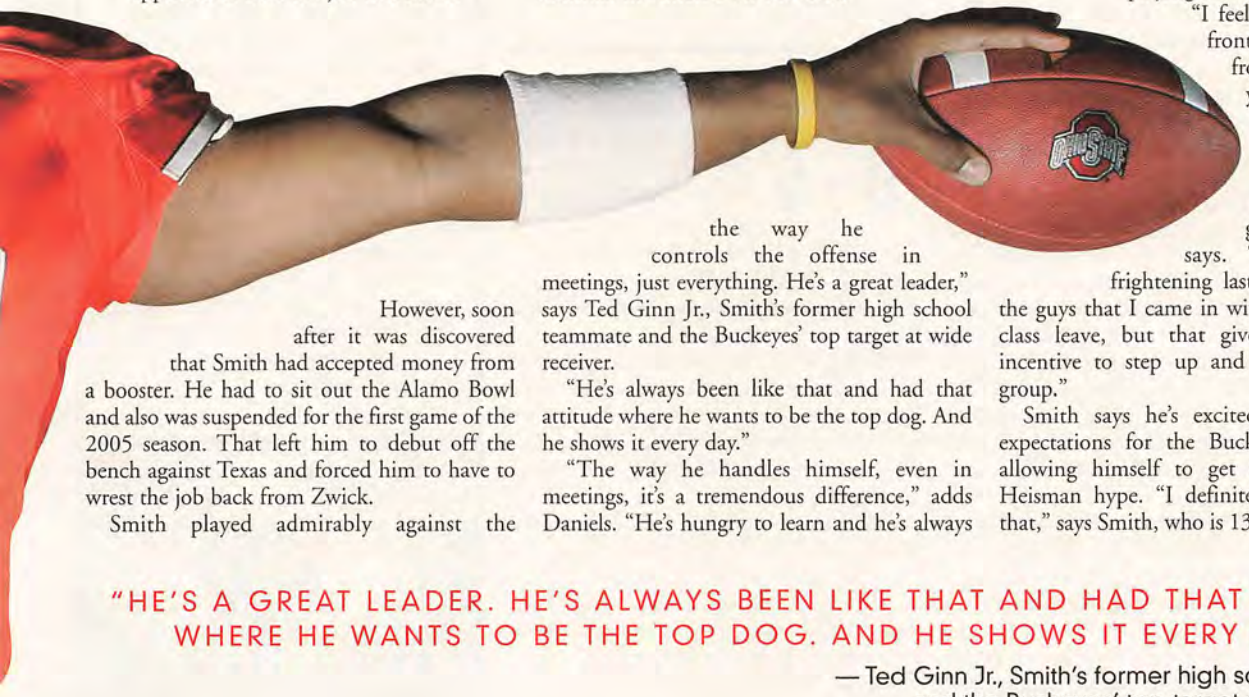
But to fully appreciate Smith the multidimensional threat is to understand the maturation of Smith the young man.

Recruited heavily only by West Virginia and Toledo while at Cleveland Glenville High School, Smith eventually heard from Ohio State after his prep coach, Ted Ginn Sr., basically begged the Buckeyes to look at him.

Smith was listed as an "athlete" when he signed with Ohio State and second-year coach Jim Tressel in February 2002. He took a redshirt that fall and watched Craig Krenzel man the position just the way Tressel wanted it played as the Buckeyes went a sterling 14–0 and won the national title.

Krenzel left after the 2003 season, setting the stage for an old-fashioned quarterback controversy involving Smith and wunderkind Justin Zwick, a polished arm from a passing system at Massillon (Ohio) Washington.

Zwick won the job, but Smith took over late in the season after Zwick was hurt at Iowa. As Smith settled into the position, his leadership skills emerged. In the regular-season finale against Michigan, he racked up 386 yards of total offense — the most ever by an Ohio State player against the Wolverines — and finally appeared to have the job to himself.



However, soon after it was discovered that Smith had accepted money from a booster. He had to sit out the Alamo Bowl and also was suspended for the first game of the 2005 season. That left him to debut off the bench against Texas and forced him to have to wrest the job back from Zwick.

Smith played admirably against the Longhorns, but the eventual national champions won in the Horseshoe, 25–22. A month later, the Buckeyes' dreams of a rematch with Texas in the title game were shattered as they lost 17–10 at Penn State. Smith looked jumpy throughout the game, and his interception set up an early Penn State touchdown that proved to be the difference.

That prompted a harsh phone call from Ginn Sr., who told his protégé to ask Tressel for a transfer if all he wanted to do was tuck the ball and run.

"I ate him up," says Ginn Sr., "because he (was) not studying film. He (was) going and getting him some sunglasses and looking for an automobile and a gold chain because he (was) reading his articles."

The Buckeyes haven't lost a game since thanks in great part to Smith's dedication to all aspects of the program. And this offseason, for once, he isn't dealing with any negative labels and isn't preparing for a quarterback battle in the fall. He's simply OSU's quarterback and the guy who is expected to point the way for the promising 2006 season.

The role wears well on Smith, who drew raves this spring for his sharpness on the field and his total commitment to the task off it. As for being a leader, it seems to come easier to him than knowing when to spin away from a defender. "Troy is naturally that kind of guy," Tressel says. "He has an aura about him. When you look at him out there there's no doubt that when he calls the people up there to confer, he's in charge."

Simply put, the Buckeyes respond to Smith more than anyone on the team. "It's the way he carries himself on and off the field, the way he controls the offense on the field, the way he controls the offense in meetings, just everything. He's a great leader," says Ted Ginn Jr., Smith's former high school teammate and the Buckeyes' top target at wide receiver.

"He's always been like that and had that attitude where he wants to be the top dog. And he shows it every day."

"The way he handles himself, even in meetings, it's a tremendous difference," adds Daniels. "He's hungry to learn and he's always been that way but he's got a comfort level too in that he's the guy."

Smith is now religious about spending time in the film room, and his knowledge of the offense has allowed him to be even more take-charge in the huddle.

"I guess my thing is the comfort level," Smith says, "being comfortable within myself. And the constant study of our offense has helped me develop into that cool, calm guy. And I wouldn't be able to be this cool if I didn't have guys who could make plays and guys who can read defenses, get us in the right protections and things like that."

Smith hasn't lost his innate cool, but he's beginning to sound more like his straight-arrow head coach, rattling off attributes about every single teammate down to the last walk-on and even talking about curbing his social life.

"The night life is not in my equation right now, and for the rest of the season it won't be," he says. "Things like that will come. It seemed cliché a couple years ago, but I'm really starting to buy into what Coach Tress says, that nothing good happens past 10 (p.m.). It's pretty much the truth, man. Just stay in the house, get you a video game."

Smith said he also doesn't pout anymore when he wears the black jersey in practice, which means he's not to have contact.

"I see the value in it now," he says. "It's about getting better every day."

He also is all business in the classroom and is on course to graduate in June with a degree in mass communication. He plans to begin work in another undergraduate study in the fall — a fresh start academically that he hopes will coincide with a memorable end to his collegiate playing career.

"I feel like I've grown in front of everybody — from a knucklehead, young guy to hopefully an up-and-coming, wise senior who can lead this group of guys," he says. "It was kind of frightening last year watching all the guys that I came in with in my recruiting class leave, but that gives me even more incentive to step up and want to lead this group."

Smith says he's excited about the lofty expectations for the Buckeyes, but he isn't allowing himself to get caught up in the Heisman hype. "I definitely don't look into that," says Smith, who is 13–2 in his career as a starter. "There's a lot of people that have been front-runners and have ended up in the back. I think the guys that are the most successful in the things they do are the guys that stay the course and worry about their team as opposed to the things in the media."

But if you confuse Smith's outward even keel with a lack of interest, you don't know the driven competitor his teammates know.

"He is so excited for this season," wideout Anthony Gonzalez says. "I have never seen him this excited. He knows going in this is his last year. He knows the expectations and he loves the expectations. I personally think about a year from now instead of Matt Leinart and Vince Young in the top echelon for quarterbacks, we'll be talking about Troy Smith, because I'm telling you right now: He's going to have an unbelievable season."

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Ric Fogel

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How do you follow the greatest season in recent school history? Joe Paterno began asking himself that question before the sun rose on Jan. 4.

Penn State had just edged Florida State in the Orange Bowl to complete an 11–1 season that included the Nittany Lions' second Big Ten title and their highest year-end ranking since 1994. After getting two hours of sleep following the triple-overtime victory over the Seminoles, Paterno awoke the next morning and began doodling a 2006 depth chart in his notepad.

No surprise there. Paterno's don't-look-back attitude has become as familiar over the years as his rolled-up trousers. It's an outlook he has strived to instill in others, one that he hopes his current players have taken to heart now that they actually have a past that's worth living in.

"The time may come when I have to say to them, 'You guys better wake up. You can't win on what you did last year.' But I don't sense that," Paterno says. "We had a good winter program. The kids worked hard."

Penn State rekindled the championship dreams of a title-starved fan base by recovering from two consecutive losing seasons and by assembling another blue-chip recruiting class, its third in a row. Whether that's a good thing or a bad thing remains to be seen. The loyal denizens of Beaver Stadium may well find themselves slinking back to their Winnebagos feeling less than satisfied this fall. Penn State is going to look very different.

The Lions' offseason priorities included rebuilding the offensive and defensive lines, finding four new starters in the secondary and grooming an inexperienced quarterback to replace the stellar Michael Robinson. Even after a hectic spring there remains much work to be done. No wonder the Lions' longtime coach didn't waste any time getting started.

Quarterbacks Anthony Morelli won't evoke memories of Robinson, last season's Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year. The 6'4", 214-pound junior doesn't have his predecessor's quick feet, which means Penn State won't run as many quarterback draws and option plays as it did the past few seasons.

"I don't think Morelli would be the guy you would want to count on running the ball as much as Michael Robinson," Paterno says. "He's not that kind of player."

What kind of player is he? Based on his skimpy portfolio so far — he threw only 33 passes in his first two seasons — Morelli appears to be a bazooka-armed drop-back passer with loads of unrefined potential. There was speculation earlier in his career that he was struggling to master the offense, but insiders said he looked good during spring practice.

Running Backs The Lions' backfield is deep and experienced. Senior tailback Tony Hunt is a quiet workhorse. He doesn't have great speed or dazzling moves, but he's a steady plugger who rushed for a career-high 1,047 yards last season.

Behind Hunt is Austin Scott. A chronic underachiever at Penn State, Scott had been all but forgotten before ripping Florida State for 110 yards in the Orange Bowl after Hunt went down with an ankle injury in the first quarter. If he doesn't use his available redshirt, the consensus prep All-American could challenge for playing time this fall.

Senior fullback BranDon Snow is a blocker, and a good one. When backup Matt Hahn fills in, it's usually to serve as a pass-catching threat.

NUMBERS GAME

0–6 Penn State is 0–6 at Ohio State since joining the Big Ten. The Lions, who open the conference season Sept. 23 in Columbus, scored a total of 45 points in those losses.

Receivers What was once an embarrassment has become an embarrassment of riches. The Lions are loaded at wide receiver, with sophomores Derrick Williams, Deon Butler and Jordan Norwood supplying speed, speed and more speed.

Williams is probably the best of the bunch. He was in the midst of a fine freshman season before his arm was broken at Michigan. Fully recovered, he figures to easily better last year's numbers, which included 22 catches for 289 yards.

Blessed with an abundance of talented pass catchers — redshirt freshmen James McDonald and Kevin Cousins are set to debut this fall — the Lions will probably continue using the spread formations that proved effective last year. The only pass-catching concerns are at tight end. Patrick Hall, Kevin Darling and Jordan Lyons have only four career receptions among them.

Offensive Linemen Paterno must have breathed a sigh of relief when tackle Levi Brown decided to return for his senior season. The Lions need someone to watch Morelli's back, and Brown, a 324-pound senior with 34 career starts, is just the man for the job. He's also the only veteran returnee up front. With four starters departing, this unit is a hodgepodge of unfamiliar names. Penn State fans are already having flashbacks to the dismal 2003 and '04 seasons in which the Lions finished ninth in the Big Ten in rushing.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE NITTANY LIONS

It's tough to picture Penn State repeating last year's heroics. The Nittany Lions had everything going their way in 2005 — a soft non-conference schedule, a ripe-for-the-picking Big Ten field to match up against and a roster awash in talented, charismatic seniors. This year? Well, those seniors are gone, Notre Dame headlines the non-conference schedule and the Big Ten slate looks like a minefield, starting with a September trip to Ohio State. But before resuming the calls for Joe Paterno's resignation, Penn State fans would do well to remember the big picture. The Lions are poised to reap the benefits of a recruiting revival that began in 2004. Their class that year included quarterback Anthony Morelli, center A.Q. Shipley, cornerback Tony Davis and linebackers Dan Connor and Tyrell Sales, all of whom have either achieved stardom or are about to become major contributors. That said, the Lions are not without short-term concerns. On offense, they lack the manpower to plow through opponents on the ground and won't have the luxury of bringing Morelli along slowly. On defense, they must overhaul both the secondary and the pass rush, a daunting task. But they are hardly devoid of talent. Another winning season would keep the heat off Paterno and bide time for the program as it girds for another BCS run in 2007.

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	Akron	W
S.	9	at Notre Dame	L
S.	16	Youngstown State	W
S.	23	at Ohio State	L
S.	30	Northwestern	W
O.	7	at Minnesota	W
O.	14	Michigan	L
O.	21	Illinois	W
O.	**28**	**at Purdue**	*
N.	**4**	**at Wisconsin**	*
N.	11	Temple	W
N.	**18**	**Michigan State**	*

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Brown and Hunt: Bruce Schwartzman

Penn State RB

Tony Hunt

If nothing else, Penn State has a foundation upon which to build. In addition to Brown, sophomore A.Q. Shipley returns to center after helping out at defensive tackle last year. But questions abound at the other three positions. Would the Lions be better off promoting such longtime backups as senior guard Robert Price and junior tackle Chris Auletta? Or is it time to launch a youth movement? Paterno admits he has some tough calls to make. "That," he says, "is why you get paid."

Defensive Linemen The Lions will have a tough time replacing Big Ten sack leader Tamba Hali, and that's only the most obvious vacancy. There are two other craters up front, with senior tackle Jay Alford the only starter returning from last year's stellar front four.

The end spots are of particular concern. Junior Jim Shaw, a transfer from Rice, stands to inherit the left end position after backing up Hali last fall. The other spot is wide open. Sophomore Josh Gaines appears to have the inside track, but it wouldn't be surprising to see a freshman or two earn playing time here.

The Lions are in better shape at tackle. In addition to Alford, they welcome back Ed Johnson, a powerhouse senior who looked good in 2004 before being temporarily expelled last year following a violation of the school's code of conduct.

Linebackers Senior outside linebacker Paul Posluszny might be in an NFL training camp had he not gone down with a knee injury late in the Orange Bowl. Assuming he's healthy, last year's Butkus Award winner will play a starring role. Confined to the weight room over the winter, he packed on 10 pounds of muscle and weighed 238 in spring practice with 6.3 percent body fat. Just what opposing running backs want to hear.

The Lions are loaded at the other positions with junior Dan Connor and senior Tim Shaw returning. With a number of blue-chip underclassmen backing them up, this is easily the team's deepest, most experienced unit.

Defensive Backs Sophomore cornerback Justin King is the most familiar of the projected starters in Penn State's overhauled secondary. King was forced to moonlight on offense last year after Williams was injured. He's back at his original position and should benefit from the opportunity to focus on defense.

Sophomore Tony Davis will likely man the opposite cornerback position, while seniors Donnie Johnson and Nolan McCready have first dibs on the safety spots. No one on the Lions' two-deep has ever made a college start, which means this unit won't be considered officially rebuilt until it proves itself against a big-time passer. Brady Quinn should be happy to oblige in week two.

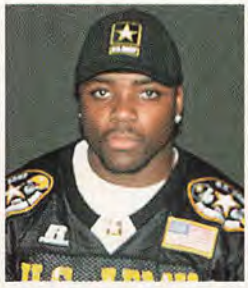
Specialists Don't let his erratic Orange Bowl performance fool you; Kevin Kelly is solid. He set a school scoring record for freshmen, finishing with 99 points after making 16-of-23 field goal attempts, including the game-winner against Florida State after two misses. Senior punter Jeremy Kapinos has a strong leg and excels at pinning opponents deep.

If the Lions have a weakness on special teams, it's their lackluster return game. Fans have been clamoring to see Williams try his hand at returning punts, but Paterno's first priority is ball security.

Paul Posluszny

RISING STAR

Defensive end Maurice Evans is one of the top prospects in Penn State's freshman class. There's a chance for early playing time on the Nittany Lions' rebuilt defensive front. If his dazzling performance at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in January was any indication, Evans is eager to seize the opportunity.



OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Poz on pause Paul Posluszny has, by all accounts, made an impressive recovery from the knee injury he suffered in the Orange Bowl. The senior linebacker, who did not have to undergo surgery, asked to be included in contact drills this past spring, but Joe Paterno wouldn't allow it.

Armed and ready Receiver Derrick Williams still has a surgical scar along the back of his left arm, a nasty reminder of the broken bone that ended his freshman season. But the injury is no longer a concern. "He was fit enough to play in the Orange Bowl," Paterno says.

Downgraded Redshirt freshman Daryll Clark was considered a candidate to back up Anthony Morelli at quarterback, but that was before he missed spring practice for academic reasons. Sophomore Paul Cianciolo is now Morelli's most likely understudy.

Out of alignment The Lions were thought to be adding some 3-4 schemes to the defense to capitalize on the wealth of talent at linebacker. But reports out of spring practice had the team emphasizing its familiar 4-3 alignment. Paterno was coy when asked what he was planning. "We'll horse around a little," he said.

Al Koostra

SCOUTING THE NITTANY LIONS

Opposing coaches size up Penn State: "I really didn't see an 11–1 season coming last year, but good for Joe Paterno. I think they're going to take a couple of steps back this year. I think the key is for them to stay competitive. They can't fall back to another 5–6 season....Michael Robinson was really the guy that held them together last year, so there's a pretty big void at quarterback. It seems like they've given Anthony Morelli every chance to win the quarterback job, and he just hasn't done it. I don't know what's holding him back. He's not as mobile as Robinson, so I don't know if they'll make big changes on offense....(Tailback) Tony Hunt is really going to need to have a big year. He'll pound it between the tackles and is quite effective. I really thought they lost some of their explosiveness when Derrick Williams broke his arm last year."

2006 PENN STATE ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
15 Cianciolo, Paul	QB	6'4"	224	So.	Charleston, SC
17 Clark, Daryll	QB	6'2"	224	Fr.	Youngstown, OH
6 Hart, Mike	QB	6'0"	206	Jr.	Westlake Village, CA
14 Morelli, Anthony	QB	6'4"	214	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
13 Suhey, Kevin	QB	6'1"	200	Fr.	State College, PA
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
34 Hahn, Matt	RB	6'0"	219	Jr.	Dix Hills, NY
26 Hunt, Tony	TB	6'2"	219	Sr.	Alexandria, VA
8 Kinlaw, Rodney	TB	5'9"	193	Jr.	Goose Creek, SC
38 Lawlor, Dan	FB	6'1"	243	So.	Mechanicsburg, PA
42 Ramsey, Charles	RB	6'1"	240	Fr.	Washington, DC
33 Scott, Austin	TB	6'0"	212	Sr.	Allentown, PA
30 Snow, BranDon	FB	6'1"	242	Sr.	Wilmington, DE
28 Zeglinski, Zack	RB	5'11"	180	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
3 Butler, Deon	WR	5'10"	163	So.	Woodbridge, VA
16 Claude, Francis	TE	6'5"	250	Fr.	Laval, PQ
81 Coakley, Brennan	TE	6'4"	258	Fr.	Newtown, CT
83 Cousins, Kevin	WR	6'3"	199	Fr.	Richmond, VA
88 Darling, Kevin	TE	6'3"	238	Sr.	Springfield, VA
4 Golden, Terrell	WR	6'3"	212	Jr.	Norfolk, VA
44 Hall, Patrick	TE	6'2"	251	Sr.	Canton, GA
89 Lyons, Jordan	TE	6'5"	248	So.	Atlanta, GA
29 Mauti, Patrick	WR	5'10"	189	Fr.	Mandeville, LA
84 McDonald, James	WR	6'2"	191	Fr.	Washington, DC
87 Miskinis, Greg	TE	6'5"	236	So.	Lewistown, PA
24 Norwood, Jordan	WR	5'10"	160	So.	State College, PA
80 Rubin, Mark	WR	6'3"	213	So.	Amherst, NY
82 Shuler, Mickey	TE	6'4"	221	Fr.	Enola, PA
2 Williams, Derrick	WR	6'0"	201	So.	Greenbelt, MD
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
79 Auletta, Chris	T	6'4"	300	Jr.	Massapequa Park, NY
70 Bowman, Wyatt	T	6'5"	321	So.	Mill Hall, PA
67 Brown, Levi	T	6'5"	324	Sr.	Norfolk, VA
76 Cadogan, Gerald	T	6'5"	302	So.	Portsmouth, OH
71 Farris, Mark	G	6'6"	286	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA
56 Hinton, Austin	G	6'2"	282	So.	Secaucus, NJ
61 Lowry, Matt	OL	6'4"	296	Fr.	Clenolden, PA
62 Muir, Ross	C	6'3"	271	So.	Noblesville, IN
64 Ohrnberger, Rich	G	6'2"	289	So.	East Meadow, NY
65 Price, Robert	G	6'0"	298	Sr.	Shaker Heights, OH
78 Shaw, John	T	6'4"	294	Jr.	Spring Grove, PA
57 Shipley, A.Q.	C	6'1"	292	So.	Coraopolis, PA
63 Toriello, Joe	G	6'5"	296	So.	Landsdowne, PA
60 Weber, Patrick	C/G	6'1"	271	Jr.	Arnold, PA
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
13 Alford, Jay	DT	6'3"	288	Sr.	Orange, NJ
93 Baker, Chris	DL	6'2"	290	Fr.	Windsor, CT
97 Cheek, Richard	DT	6'1"	287	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
47 Gaines, Josh	DE	6'2"	258	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
94 Golarz, Tom	DE	6'1"	230	Fr.	Bloomington, IN
54 Hill, Jed	DE	6'2"	250	So.	Struthers, OH
92 Johnson, Ed	DT	6'1"	290	Sr.	Detroit, MI
86 Lucian, Mike	DE	6'2"	273	So.	New Market, MD
53 Roach, Steve	DT	6'2"	304	Sr.	Martinsburg, WV
95 Robinson, Elijah	DT	6'2"	285	So.	Camden, NJ
87 Rogers, Chris	DL	6'2"	257	So.	Wexford, PA
99 Shaw, Jim	DE	6'3"	260	Sr.	Spring Grove, PA
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
18 Bowman, Navarro	LB	6'0"	214	Fr.	Norfolk, VA
52 Brown, Dontey	LB	6'2"	231	So.	McKeesport, PA
51 Cianciolo, Joe	LB	6'0"	226	Sr.	Charleston, SC
40 Connor, Dan	LB	6'3"	220	Jr.	Wallingford, PA
5 Hayes, Jerome	LB	6'2"	239	Fr.	Bayonne, NJ
43 Hull, Josh	LB	6'3"	210	Fr.	Milheim, PA
19 Kubic, Andy	LB	6'4"	201	Sr.	Honolulu, HI
73 Landolt, Dennis	OLB	6'4"	285	Fr.	Burlington, NJ
45 Lee, Sean	LB	6'2"	221	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
57 Mauriello, Chris	LB	6'1"	224	Jr.	Landsdale, PA
31 Posluszny, Paul	LB	6'2"	238	Sr.	Aliquippa, PA
46 Sales, Tyrell	LB	6'2"	233	So.	Butler, PA
20 Shaw, Tim	LB	6'1"	233	Sr.	Livonia, MI
35 Zwierzynski, J.R.	OLB	6'2"	239	Sr.	Oswego, IL
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
11 Davis, Tony	CB	5'10"	189	So.	Warren, OH
25 Fentress, Devin	CB	5'10"	165	So.	Chesapeake, VA
9 Ganter, Jason	S	6'0"	191	Jr.	State College, PA
27 Gummo, Ben	S	6'0"	180	Fr.	Tyrone, PA
22 Hardy, Darien	S	5'10"	185	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
28 Harriot, Willie	CB	5'8"	175	Fr.	New Haven, CT
6 Johnson, Donnie	S	6'0"	205	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
1 King, Justin	CB	6'0"	181	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
24 McCready, Nolan	S	6'0"	199	Sr.	Wyomissing, PA
39 Rheam, Doug	DB	5'11"	210	Fr.	Washington, PA
37 Ridenhour, Spencer	SS	6'0"	204	So.	White Plains, NY
10 Sargeant, Lydell	CB	5'10"	183	So.	Lompoc, CA
7 Scirrotto, Anthony	S	6'0"	190	So.	West Deptford, NJ
21 Timmons, Knowledge	CB	5'10"	181	Fr.	York, PA
15 Wise, Brent	CB	5'10"	187	Jr.	Harrisburg, PA
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
44 Boone, Jeremy	P	5'10"	171	Fr.	Mechanicsburg, PA
36 Kapinos, Jeremy	P	6'1"	222	Sr.	Springfield, VA
23 Kelly, Kevin	K	5'7"	175	So.	Langhorne, PA
49 Ream, Brandon	P	6'2"	205	Sr.	Centre Hall, PA
96 Waldron, Matt	K	5'11"	178	Fr.	Oakfield, NY

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (4)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**2**	**Derrick Williams**	**So.**
WR	**3**	**Deon Butler**	**So.**
LT	**67**	**Levi Brown**	**Sr.**
LG	76	Gerald Cadogan	So.
C	57	A.Q. Shipley	So.
RG	65	Robert Price	Sr.
RT	79	Chris Auletta	Jr.
TE	44	Patrick Hall	Sr.
QB	14	Anthony Morelli	Jr.
FB	30	BranDon Snow	Sr.
TB	**26**	**Tony Hunt**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	4	Terrell Golden	Jr.
WR	24	Jordan Norwood	So.
LT	71	Mark Farris	Sr.
LG	64	Rich Ohrnberger	So.
C	60	Patrick Weber	Jr.
RG	58	Greg Harrison	So.
RT	78	John Shaw	Sr.
TE	88	Kevin Darling	Sr.
QB	15	Paul Cianciolo	So.
FB	34	Matt Hahn	Jr.
TB	33	Austin Scott	Sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (4)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	99	Jim Shaw	Jr.
DT	**13**	**Jay Alford**	**Sr.**
DT	92	Ed Johnson	Sr.
DE	47	Josh Gaines	So.
OLB	**31**	**Paul Posluszny**	**Sr.**
ILB	**20**	**Tim Shaw**	**Sr.**
OLB	**40**	**Dan Connor**	**Jr.**
CB	1	Justin King	So.
CB	11	Tony Davis	So.
SS	24	Nolan McCready	Sr.
FS	6	Donnie Johnson	Sr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	54	Jed Hill	So.
DT	53	Steve Roach	Sr.
DT	95	Elijah Robinson	So.
DE	86	Mike Lucian	So.
OLB	45	Sean Lee	So.
ILB	5	Jerome Hayes	Fr.
OLB	46	Tyrell Sales	So.
CB	25	Devin Fentress	So.
CB	21	Knowledge Timmons	Fr.
SS	37	Spencer Ridenhour	So.
FS	22	Darien Hardy	Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	23	Kevin Kelly	So.
P	36	Jeremy Kapinos	Sr.
KR	8	Rodney Kinlaw	Jr.
PR	18	Anthony Scirrotto	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Joe Paterno
Record at School: 354–117–3 (40 years)
Career Record: 354–117–3 (40 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Galen Hall
Defensive Coordinator: Tom Bradley
University Park, Pa.
Beaver Stadium (107,282)

2006 SIGNEES

Chris Bell	WR	6'3"	205	Norfolk, VA
Navarro Bowman	LB	6'0"	220	Suitland, MD
Brett Brackett	QB	6'5"	232	Lawrenceville, NJ
Brent Carter	RB	6'3"	205	Pottstown, PA
Pat Devlin	QB	6'4"	205	Downingtown, PA
Lou Eliades	OL	6'4"	292	Ocean Twp., NJ
Maurice Evans	DE	6'3"	260	Middle Village, NY
Bani Gbadyu	LB	6'1"	205	Gaithersburg, MD
Cedric Jeffries	DB	6'3"	225	Egg Harbor Twp., NJ
Doug Klopacz	OL	6'3"	265	Montvale, NJ
Alim Koroma	DT	6'3"	285	Hershey, PA
Eric Latimore	DE	6'6"	250	Middletown, DE
Antonio Logan-El	DL	6'4"	307	Forestville, MD
Aaron Maybin	DE	6'3"	236	Ellicott City, MD
Travis McBride	RB	6'0"	190	McKeesport, PA
Tom McEowen	DT	6'3"	279	Langhorne, PA
Jared Odrick	DT	6'5"	285	Lebanon, PA
Ollie Ogbu	DT	6'2"	305	New Berlin, NY
Andrew Quarless	TE	6'4"	228	Uniondale, NY
Evan Royster	RB	6'0"	200	Chantilly, VA
Philip Taylor	DT	6'3"	335	Brandywine, MD
John Troutman	DT	6'4"	289	Pemberton, NJ
A.J. Wallace	DB	6'1"	195	Pomfret, MD
J.B. Walton	OL	6'3"	270	Indian Head, MD

Penn State picked a good year to go 11–1. Recruits who hadn't been considering the Lions did a double-take when Joe Paterno's team shot to the top of the Big Ten. Five players renounced commitments to other schools in order to join the class. A few of those players could end up filling significant roles this fall. Maurice Evans will warrant a long look at defensive end, where the Lions have immediate needs, while Travis McBride might merit playing time at safety if the coaches choose to keep him on defense. Down the road, look for Brett Brackett and Pat Devlin (a former Miami commitment) to spar for the starting quarterback job, Chris Bell to take his place among the Lions' fleet wideouts and Antonio Logan-El to bolster the defensive line. Penn State could have used another defensive back or two after failing to land New Jersey All-American Myron Rolle, but that's nitpicking. This is a top 10 class.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 11–1 (7–1 Big East)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 3	South Florida	W	23–13	99,235
S. 10	Cincinnati	W	42–24	98,727
S. 17	Central Michigan	W	40– 3	10,276
S. 24	at Northwestern	W	34–29	24,395
O. 1	Minnesota	W	44–14	106,604
O. 8	Ohio State	W	17–10	109,839
O. 15	at Michigan	L	25–27	111,249
O. 22	at Illinois	W	63–10	52,633
O. 29	Purdue	W	33–15	109,464
N. 5	Wisconsin	W	35–14	109,865
N. 19	at Michigan State	W	31–22	75,005
J. 3	#Florida State	W (3ot)	26–23	77,773
	#Orange Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Michael Robinson	311	162	2,350	17	10
Anthony Morelli	**20**	**13**	**155**	**1**	**0**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Tony Hunt	**174**	**1,047**	**6.0**	**6**	
Michael Robinson	163	806	4.9	11	
Austin Scott	**66**	**273**	**4.1**	**3**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Deon Butler	**37**	**691**	**18.7**	**9**	
Jordan Norwood	**32**	**422**	**13.2**	**0**	
Derrick Williams	**22**	**289**	**13.1**	**1**	

Kicking: Kevin Kelly, 16-23 FGs, 49-50 XPs, 99 points
Tackles: **Paul Posluszny, 116;** Chris Harrell, 88
Sacks: Tamba Hali, 11
Interceptions: Alan Zemaitis, 6

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast 31 Big Ten Prediction 5th

Purdue safety Bernard Pollard yelled "to give me my papers" as he was chased from practice that August evening after a confrontation with his head coach — a common term for an athlete wishing to transfer.

In hindsight, Joe Tiller wishes he had complied.

"If that confrontation that occurred between me and Pollard had happened some other time, he would not be on the team," Tiller said seven months later. "I would have kicked him off the team, and I didn't."

Tiller only gave his strong safety a three-game suspension — and it foreshadowed a miserable fall in West Lafayette.

The Boilermakers were the trendy dark horse pick in the Big Ten. They had 10 defensive starters returning, and the *Orlando Sentinel* selected them as their preseason No. 1. The *Indianapolis Star* picked them to go 10–1 and win a share of the league crown.

Instead, they went 5–6 and failed to play in a bowl game for the first time since 1996, one year before Tiller arrived. The vaunted defense allowed 500 or more yards in six games. Teams riddled a secondary racked by injuries, and the front seven was surprisingly ineffective.

"We just had some really selfish guys on our team," Tiller says, "and I kept thinking, 'I'm going to change a little bit. I'm not going to be that old, hard-nosed, not-be-flexible coach.' I learned that's wrong. That's not me. I'm not going to deal with that stuff again from a player or a coach. No one."

Pollard, defensive end Ray Edwards and quarterback Brandon Kirsch left school after the season to enter the NFL Draft.

Things weren't exactly smooth on the coaching staff either. Tiller replaced five of his nine assistants after the season — some by choice, some not. Most the returnees have new responsibilities. Former line coach Bill Legg and longtime college assistant Ed Zaunbrecher take over as co-offensive coordinators after Jim Chaney left for an assistant's position with the St. Louis Rams.

"Let me diplomatically say that some of these changes are good for us," Tiller says. "I didn't anticipate five new changes, but I thought if we had two or three, that would be fine. It would be good for us to get some new faces and energy."

Quarterbacks The plan was for then-redshirt freshman Curtis Painter to learn as a backup and challenge Kirsch for the starting job in 2006. But Tiller wasn't happy with Kirsch's play, so Painter started the seventh game at Wisconsin and never lost his job.

Painter was recruited because of his cool demeanor and strong arm, but the coaching staff was stunned at how well he ran the triple-option. Tiller now believes he can be the next in a long line of great Purdue quarterbacks.

There's little depth beyond him, however. His backup is expected to be redshirt freshman Joey Elliott.

Running Backs Kory Sheets is one of the fastest and most elusive backs during Tiller's 10 years at Purdue, but he also has struggled with fumbling. Sheets even admitted after the Wisconsin loss he might be headed to the bench if his fumbling continued — a notion Tiller didn't discourage.

To Sheets' credit, he didn't mope and finished the season with a 137-yard performance against Indiana. Keep an eye on junior college transfer Jaycen Taylor, who was brought in to challenge Sheets.

Expect fullback Anthony Heygood to get significant playing time as Purdue incorporates the option more into the spread offense.

NUMBERS GAME

11 Purdue signed 11 junior college players after last season. Purdue's previous high under Joe Tiller was seven in 1998.

Receivers Tiller has raved for more than a year about Selwyn Lymon — who has never even stepped on the practice field. Lymon did not meet NCAA freshman eligibility requirements last season, which also forced him to miss spring practice. But he's expected to make an immediate impact.

The 6'4" Lymon and 6'4" Greg Orton should give Purdue something Tiller has long craved in the spread offense — two big, fast receivers. Oh, and did we mention Dorien Bryant? All the slot receiver did last season was lead the Big Ten with 80 receptions.

Two-year starter Kyle Ingraham missed spring practice after enrolling in a community college near his San Antonio home to improve his grades. He is expected to return in the fall. Tight end Dustin Keller was bothered by a sprained ankle most of last season and had just 13 catches.

Offensive Linemen This is one of the deepest areas on the team — a shock for Purdue fans, who have seen the Boilermakers struggle with depth along the line for several years.

Left tackle Mike Otto and right guard Jordan Grimes — a devastating drive blocker — should be among the best linemen in the Big Ten. Right tackle Sean Sester is 6'8", 309, and started last season as a redshirt freshman.

There are some question marks, however. Uche Nwaneri, who was suspended from

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE BOILERMAKERS

Stop if you've heard this before: Purdue has an absolutely dream schedule. Yes, we know that was brought up before last season's debacle, but this year's 13-game slate (Purdue finishes the season at Hawaii) is even more user-friendly. The Boilermakers again do not play Michigan or Ohio State. The first four games are at home, and they should win all of them. They will be overmatched at Notre Dame, and winning at Iowa always is difficult. But they should be competitive in every other game, so don't be surprised if Tiller and company bounce back with a 9–4 season and compete for a New Year's Day bowl game. The offense, which was productive during last year's disappointing five-win season, should be strong once again. Quarterback Curtis Painter, who surprised last season by wresting the job from Brandon Kirsch, could be poised for a monster season, and tailback Kory Sheets will be productive as long as he can hold onto the ball. Of course, if the defense — which allowed 430.7 yards per game last year — doesn't improve, a second consecutive year without a bowl game is a possibility, too.

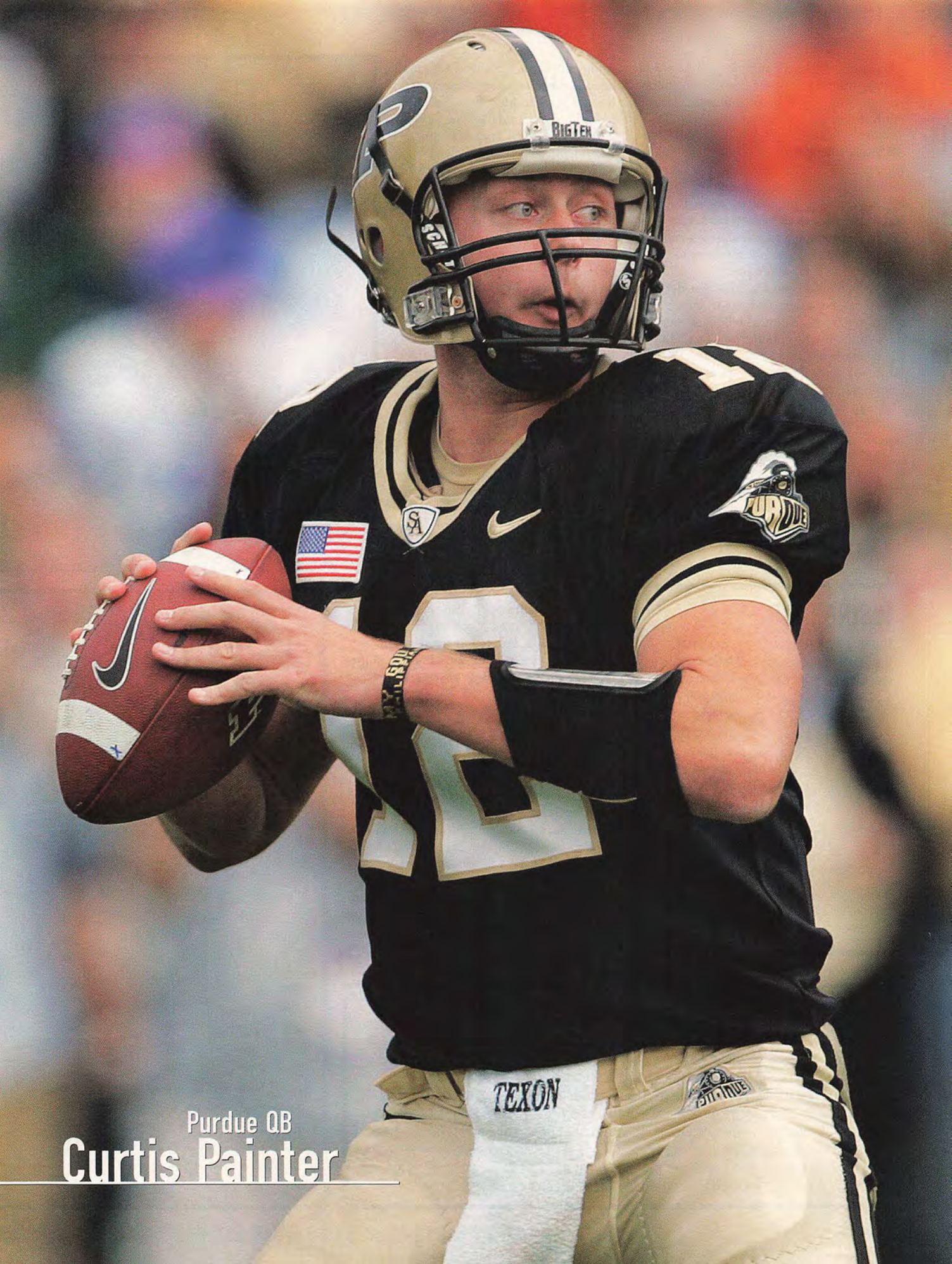
Dorien Bryant

2006 SCHEDULE

S. 2	Indiana State	W
S. 9	Miami (Ohio)	W
S. 16	Ball State	W
S. 23	Minnesota	W
S. 30	at Notre Dame	L
O. 7	at Iowa	L
O. 14	at Northwestern	W
O. 21	**Wisconsin**	*
O. 28	**Penn State**	*
N. 4	**at Michigan State**	*
N. 11	at Illinois	W
N. 18	Indiana	W
N. 25	at Hawaii	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Painter: Joe Robbins/US Presswire; Bryant: Brad Schless



Purdue QB

Curtis Painter

school after a fight last summer and missed the season, must shake off the rust quickly. Robbie Powell, who has played multiple positions upfront, will start at center.

Defensive Linemen There is potential at tackle, where Alex Magee and Ryan Baker saw substantial playing time as freshmen. But they have a combined four career starts. Defensive end Anthony Spencer had 7.5 tackles for a loss, but his season still was a disappointment. He showed signs of being a dominant pass rusher two years ago as a sophomore.

Rob Ninkovich was Purdue's best defensive player at the other end spot, but he has completed his eligibility. The Boilermakers will miss not only his production, but also the energy he brought. His replacement likely is Eugene Bright, but don't count out junior college transfers Mike McDonald and redshirt freshman Keyon Brown.

Pressure off the edge is a must in Purdue's system, which relies heavily on speed and multiple looks. Someone must step up at end for this defense to improve.

Linebackers Two-year starting middle linebacker George Hall was suspended from spring practice for disciplinary reasons. Bad timing for Hall, because Dan Bick appears ready for a breakout season if he can stay healthy. Bick also can play on the outside if the Purdue coaches decide to keep Hall in the starting lineup.

Weak-side linebacker Stanford Keglar had a disappointing season (a common theme for Purdue's few returning defensive starters) but is one of the most athletic players Tiller has ever coached. Cliff Avril should be solid at the strong-side spot. Keep an eye on Jason Werner, a converted safety who was plagued by back spasms last season.

Defensive Backs Tiller has said Torri Williams can be as good as any safety he's been around since a guy named Rod Woodson played at Purdue in the mid-1980s, when Tiller was the team's defensive coordinator.

There's one major problem, however. Williams has had trouble staying healthy. He missed last season after suffering a broken leg and missed much of spring practice because of a back injury.

Williams' presence is desperately needed for a secondary that struggled tremendously last season. Junior college transfer Brandon Blackmon is the likely starter at free safety. Cornerback could be a problem. Zach Logan improved gradually as the season wore on, but opposing teams often took advantage of his lack of size.

Specialists The Boilermakers will start from scratch after losing kicker Ben Jones to graduation and punter Dave Brytus, who transferred to Pittsburgh.

Both were solid, although the Purdue coaches think they have landed a more-than-capable replacement at punter in Jared Armstrong, a junior college All-American from Harper (Iowa) College. True freshman Tim Dougherty likely will get the first crack at replacing Jones.

The Boilers must improve their punt return game. They averaged fewer than eight yards per return, ninth in the Big Ten, and their lack of success often contributed to poor field position.

Anthony Spencer

RISING STAR

It's tempting to go with quarterback Curtis Painter, but Dan Bick has versatility most linebackers can only dream about.

He can play inside and outside. He's fast and is surprisingly physical at 6'1" and 218 pounds. Joe Tiller and his staff are hoping Bick can put on weight, and for good reason. He takes a pounding, and he was slowed last season by a chronically bad shoulder and later a broken finger.

SCOUTING THE BOILERMAKERS

Opposing coaches size up Purdue: "They missed a chance to jump up in the league last season and at a place like Purdue, that window doesn't open very often. They had an experienced team, and they're always explosive on offense. They seemed to lack leadership and toughness. There seems to be a sense of desperation right now. They're bringing in a lot of juco guys on defense, but that never really works long-term. Half of his staff left, which is never a good sign. (Quarterback Curtis) Painter was better than (Brandon) Kirsch, and he's a little more mobile. They've got a pretty good running back (Kory Sheets) and two good receivers (Dorien Bryant and Kyle Ingraham), so the pieces are there for another good offense. Again, it's going to come down to defense."

OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Playing with the best Even with last season's debacle, Purdue (43–29) is tied with Wisconsin for the third-best Big Ten record during Tiller's nine seasons. Only Michigan (58–14) and Ohio State (51-21) are better.

Only one survives Defensive coordinator Brock Spack is the only remaining member of Tiller's original staff that arrived at Purdue in 1997. Don't be surprised if Spack — who is entering his 20th season at Purdue as a player or assistant — eventually succeeds Tiller as head coach.

New turf on the way Purdue had major problems with its old Kentucky bluegrass field last season and switched to a Bermuda grass surface during the offseason. Purdue will be the most northern Division I school to use the Bermuda surface. The school installed FieldTurf in the Mollenkopf Center, its indoor practice facility.

Going back to old school Tiller said he bought into the hype too much before last season, too. That caused him to be too soft on the players. "You can't coach and not be your own personality," he says. "I did that."

Brad Schloss

2006 PURDUE ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
16 Bennett, Chris	QB	6'3"	186	Fr.	Dayton, OH
14 Elliott, Joey	QB	6'3"	210	Fr.	Evansville, IN
17 Haan, Thomas	QB	6'0"	195	Fr.	Lafayette, IN
3 Lau, Henry	QB	6'5"	253	Fr.	Menomonee Falls, WI
12 Painter, Curtis	QB	6'4"	228	So.	Vincennes, IN
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
26 Ayers, Chris	RB	5'8"	188	So.	Carmel, IN
44 Halliburton, Frank	FB	6'3"	245	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
42 Heygood, Anthony	RB	6'2"	221	So.	Chester, PA
22 Mason, Dray	RB	5'10"	187	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
46 Miller, Ted	RB	6'1"	205	Fr.	West Lafayette, IN
24 Sheets, Kory	RB	6'0"	199	So.	Manchester, CT
33 Taylor, Jaycen	RB	5'10"	174	Fr.	Hawthorne, CA
23 Williams, Joe	RB	5'8"	204	So.	Pomona, CA
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
82 Benson, Derek	WR	6'1"	191	Fr.	West Hartford, CT
9 Bryant, Dorien	WR	5'10"	175	Jr.	Swedesboro, NJ
3 Bushong, Garret	WR	6'5"	247	Jr.	Ionia, MI
20 Chattams, Andre	WR	6'0"	198	Sr.	Dayton, OH
85 Dodd, Yosmond	WR	5'9"	185	So.	Hemphill, TX
83 Harbison, Robby	WR	6'1"	184	Fr.	Saint Joseph, MI
97 Huber, Alec	TE	6'5"	240	Fr.	McDonough, GA
89 Ingraham, Kyle	WR	6'9"	228	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
28 Keller, Dustin	TE	6'4"	244	Jr.	Lafayette, IN
86 Lecklider, Chase	WR	6'0"	204	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
21 Orton, Greg	WR	6'4"	191	So.	Dayton, OH
88 Standeford, Jake	WR	6'2"	189	Jr.	Monrovia, IN
6 Tardy, Desmond	WR	6'1"	192	So.	Indianapolis, IN
80 Wasikowski, Jerry	TE	6'4"	253	So.	Cudahy, WI
84 Williams, Byron	WR	6'3"	191	Jr.	Clayton, NJ
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
78 Benton, Cory	C	6'3"	276	So.	Indianapolis, IN
53 Fincher, Nick	G	6'4"	292	Jr.	Clinton Township, MI
66 Grimes, Jordan	G	6'3"	334	Jr.	Plainfield, IN
50 Hedstrom, Eric	G	6'7"	295	Fr.	Arlington Heights, IL
70 Jones, Zach	T	6'4"	311	Fr.	Plainfield, IN
76 Kacinko, Jason	G	6'6"	303	Fr.	Harrison City, PA
57 McGowen, Dan	G	6'0"	279	Sr.	Denham, IN
51 Miller, Garret	T	6'8"	279	So.	Bay City, TX
67 Nwaneri, Uche	G	6'3"	300	Sr.	Garland, TX
65 Otto, Mike	T	6'5"	304	Sr.	Kokomo, IN
63 Pickell, Eric	C	6'2"	297	Fr.	Mettawa, IL
68 Powell, Robbie	C	6'5"	297	Jr.	Roanoke, VA
64 Raben, Nick	G	6'3"	275	Sr.	Evansville, IN
75 Reckman, Zach	T	6'6"	274	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
74 Sester, Sean	T	6'8"	309	So.	Fort Thomas, KY
60 Smith, Zach	G	6'4"	286	So.	Terrace Park, OH
69 Tull, Neal	G	6'3"	294	Jr.	Lafayette, IN
73 Zaleski, Dan	T	6'4"	291	So.	Richmond, IN
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
90 Baker, Ryan	DT	6'6"	282	So.	Indianapolis, IN
93 Benjamin, Jeff	DE	6'2"	250	Jr.	Corona, CA
45 Bright, Eugene	DE	6'4"	254	Jr.	Bryn Mawr, PA
95 Brown, Keyon	DE	6'3"	230	Fr.	Homewood, IL
91 Cavallo, Nick	DE	6'3"	259	Sr.	Plainville, CT
79 Guynn, Jermaine	DT	6'1"	277	So.	Indianapolis, IN
52 Huebner, Adam	DE	6'3"	271	Sr.	St. John, IN
71 Magee, Alex	DT	6'5"	275	So.	Oswego, IL
87 McDonald, Mike	DE	6'2"	248	Jr.	Gatesville, TX
92 Neal, Mike	DT	6'4"	270	Fr.	Merrillville, IN
99 Patton, Jonathan	DT	6'4"	279	So.	Chicago, IL
43 Sheehan, Kyle	DT	6'3"	251	Fr.	Fairmont, MN
49 Spencer, Anthony	DE	6'3"	261	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN
54 Zwilling, Jared	DT	6'4"	281	Fr.	Evansville, IN
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
32 Avril, Cliff	LB	6'3"	240	Jr.	Green Cove Sp., FL
36 Bick, Dan	LB	6'1"	218	Jr.	Louisville, KY
55 Deeds, Andy	LB	6'3"	221	So.	Denver, IN
47 Durrett, Mike	LB	6'0"	226	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
17 Ferguson, Josh	LB	6'3"	234	Jr.	Altamonte Springs, FL
30 Hall, George	LB	6'2"	243	Sr.	Groton, CT
59 Keglar, Stanford	LB	6'2"	240	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
41 Lampert, John	LB	6'3"	219	Sr.	Abilene, TX
81 Royal, Al	LB	6'0"	228	Sr.	Belle Glades, FL
29 Werner, Jason	LB	6'4"	208	So.	Greenwood, IN
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
15 Blackmon, Brandon	FS	6'0"	194	Jr.	Fullerton, CA
37 Dubler, Paul	CB	6'1"	184	Sr.	Gurnee, IL
31 Duong, Frank	CB	5'8"	176	So.	Osceola, IN
7 King, Brandon	CB	5'11"	184	So.	Warner Robbins, GA
48 Kohtz, Pat	SS	6'1"	211	Sr.	Frankfort, IN
39 Lane, Aaron	CB	5'8"	172	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
5 Logan, Zach	SS	5'11"	186	So.	Trotwood, OH
25 Long, Paul	FS	6'2"	194	Jr.	Dayton, OH
4 Martin, Fabian	CB	5'11"	188	So.	Chicago, IL
19 Whittington, Brandon	FS	6'2"	206	So.	Collingswood, NJ
2 Williams, Torri	SS	6'2"	204	So.	Cedar Park, TX
27 Wolf, Adam	FS	5'11"	201	Fr.	Tampa, FL
38 Zavagnin, Pete	SS	6'1"	203	Fr.	La Grange Park, IL
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
11 Armstrong, Jared	P	6'3"	231	Jr.	Gilberts, IL
44 Hansen, Tom	K	5'9"	184	Fr.	Powell, IN
62 Huffman, Andy	LS	6'3"	270	Fr.	Montpelier, IN
61 Mattson, Chris	LS	6'0"	201	Jr.	Carmel, IN
43 Mossbrucker, Kyle	K/P	5'8"	194	Fr.	Camby, IN
8 Welch, Casey	K/P	5'9"	167	Sr.	Ford City, PA

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR		Selwyn Lymon	Fr.
WR	**9**	**Dorien Bryant**	**Jr.**
WR	**89**	**Kyle Ingraham**	**Sr.**
LT	**65**	**Mike Otto**	**Sr.**
LG	67	Uche Nwaneri	Sr.
C	**68**	**Robbie Powell**	**Jr.**
RG	**66**	**Jordan Grimes**	**Jr.**
RT	**74**	**Sean Sester**	**So.**
TE	28	Dustin Keller	Jr.
QB	**12**	**Curtis Painter**	**So.**
RB	24	Kory Sheets	So.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	20	Andre Chattams	Sr.
WR	6	Desmond Tardy	So.
WR	21	Greg Orton	So.
LT	51	Garret Miller	So.
LG	60	Zach Smith	So.
C	78	Cory Benton	So.
RG	50	Eric Hedstrom	Fr.
RT	50	Eric Hedstrom	Fr.
TE	80	Jerry Wasikowski	So.
QB	14	Joey Elliott	Fr.
RB	42	Anthony Heygood	So.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (4)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	45	Eugene Bright	Jr.
DT	90	Ryan Baker	So.
DT	71	Alex Magee	So.
DE	**49**	**Anthony Spencer**	**Sr.**
SLB	32	Cliff Avril	Jr.
MLB	36	Dan Bick	Jr.
WLB	**59**	**Stanford Keglar**	**Jr.**
CB	7	Brandon King	So.
CB	**5**	**Zach Logan**	**So.**
SS	2	Torri Williams	So.
FS	15	Brandon Blackmon	Jr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	93	Jeff Benjamin	Jr.
DT	54	Jared Zwilling	Fr.
DT	92	Mike Neal	Fr.
DE	95	Keyon Brown	Fr.
SLB	81	Al Royal	Sr.
MLB	**30**	**George Hall**	**Sr.**
WLB	29	Jason Werner	So.
CB		Jonte Lindsey	Jr.
CB	4	Fabian Martin	So.
SS		Justin Scott	Jr.
FS	25	Paul Long	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K		Tim Dougherty	Fr.
P	11	Jared Armstrong	Jr.
KR	9	Dorien Bryant	Jr.
PR	7	Brandon King	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Joe Tiller
Record at School: 67–43 (9 years)
Career Record: 106–73–1 (15 years)
Co-Offensive Coordinators: Bill Legg, Ed Zaunbrecher
Defensive Coordinator: Brock Spack
West Lafayette, Ind.
Ross-Ade Stadium (62,500)

2006 SIGNEES

Kyle Adams	TE	6'5"	235	Austin, TX
Royce Adams	DB	6'0"	180	South Euclid, OH
Jared Armstrong	P	6'3"	235	Gilberts, IL
Jeff Benjamin	DE	6'2"	260	Corona, CA
Brandon Blackmon	DB	6'0"	190	Fullerton, CA
Dario Camacho	RB	5'10"	200	Riverside, CA
Tim Dougherty	K	5'10"	165	Louisville, KY
Brandon Erwin	DB	6'2"	185	Loganville, GA
Kevin Green	LB	6'2"	215	North Chicago, IL
John Humphrey	LB	6'1"	205	Youngstown, OH
Jeff Lindsay	ATH	6'4"	210	Macomb, MI
Jonte Lindsey	DB	5'10"	170	Riverside, CA
Selwyn Lymon	WR	6'4"	210	Fort Wayne, IN
Roberto McBean	WR	6'0"	190	Berkeley, CA
Mike McDonald	DE	6'2"	250	Gatesville, TX
Jeff Panfil	QB	6'5"	185	Fort Worth, TX
David Pender	DB	6'1"	175	Folkston, GA
Justin Pierce	OL	6'4"	300	Tom Bean, TX
Ryan Prater	OL	6'5"	260	Dallas, TX
Shaun Richardson	DE	6'2"	245	St. Louis, MO
Justin Scott	DB	6'0"	215	Sanford, FL
Kyle Sheehan	DT	6'3"	245	Fairmont, MN
Keith Smith	QB	6'2"	195	Fort Hood, TX
Mario Swope	WR	5'10"	185	Carmel, IN
Jaycen Taylor	RB	5'10"	175	Hawthorne, CA
Joe Whitest	WR	6'2"	205	Belle Glade, FL
Deon Williams	RB	6'0"	200	Loves Park, IL

Some analysts rank the Boilers' class near the bottom of the Big Ten, a change from recent years at Purdue. But Tiller calls this year's signees good "Purdue fits." Translation: character guys who hopefully won't present the ego problems the Boilers encountered last year. Still, Purdue was nearly shut out in Indiana, signing only one player after dominating the state in recent years. Kudos to the coaching staff for signing Jeff Lindsay away from schools in his home state of Michigan. The 6'4", 210-pound athlete could play early. The large number of junior college players is an indication Tiller thinks the Boilers can return to Big Ten contender status immediately. A cynic suggests it's also a sign of a desperate coaching staff.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 5-6 (3–5 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 10	Akron	W	49–24	64,757
S. 17	at Arizona	W	31–24	56,400
S. 24	at Minnesota	L (2ot)	35–42	48,116
O. 1	Notre Dame	L	28–49	65,491
O. 8	Iowa	L	17–34	64,785
O. 15	Northwestern	L	29–34	62,866
O. 22	at Wisconsin	L	20–31	82,828
O. 29	at Penn State	L	15–33	109,467
N. 5	Michigan State	W	28–21	62,467
N. 12	Illinois	W	37– 3	57,611
N. 19	at Indiana	W	41–14	50,023

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	**Att.**	**Comp.**	**Yds.**	**TD**	**Int.**
Brandon Kirsch	257	152	1,727	7	8
Curtis Painter	**170**	**89**	**932**	**3**	**5**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Jerod Void	130	696	5.4	10	
Kory Sheets	**104**	**571**	**5.5**	**10**	
Curtis Painter	**52**	**251**	**4.8**	**4**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Dorien Bryant	**80**	**960**	**12.0**	**4**	
Kyle Ingraham	**41**	**500**	**12.2**	**0**	
Charles Davis	26	311	12.0	1	

Kicking: Ben Jones, 8-14 FGs, 40-42 XPs, 64 points
Tackles: Bernard Pollard, 92; George Hall, 77
Sacks: Rob Ninkovich, 8
Interceptions: Bernard Pollard, 3

Returning Players in Bold

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After an unusual 6 a.m. practice last April, one that looked more like a slumber party than a workout by players serious about winning a championship, Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema reiterated his expectations for the 2006 team and the program.

His message: Those unwilling to work usually are incapable of winning.

"If we're going to be able to establish anything over time that is going to be consistently good it has to be every practice," the first-year head coach explained. "And I don't think we were."

Bielema, handed the job last summer by then-head coach Barry Alvarez, now UW's full-time athletic director, did what most coaches would have done in that situation. He didn't want the poor practice habits he witnessed that day to become a habit.

However, another reason behind Bielema's immediate response is that he understands his first team possesses enough talent to build on the momentum established in 2005, when UW upset Auburn in the Capital One Bowl to finish 10–3. And if three key players return from injury and several young players develop quickly, UW could make a legitimate run at the Big Ten title.

Quarterbacks The good news: Senior John Stocco returns for his third season as the starter. Stocco has started 25 consecutive games and last season set school records for passing yards (2,920), TD passes (21) and completions (197) while completing a personal-high 60.1 percent of his passes. Stocco's mobility is average and his deep ball remains somewhat inconsistent. However, he might be the toughest player on the roster and is the unquestioned leader of the offense.

The bad news: Junior Tyler Donovan and redshirt freshman Dustin Sherer failed to distinguish themselves during the spring in the race for the No. 2 spot. The drop-off between Stocco and the reserves is alarming. Donovan's best weapon is his mobility. Don't be surprised to see Sherer win the No. 2 job in preseason camp, but this team cannot afford to lose Stocco.

Running Backs Playing time is available. Brian Calhoun, who rushed for 1,636 of UW's 2,186 yards and had 53 of the team's 200 receptions, jumped to the NFL. Backup Booker Stanley was removed from the team after two brushes with the law. That leaves offensive coordinator Paul Chryst with six tailbacks — two of whom combined for 31 carries last season, along with three redshirt freshmen and one true freshman.

Junior Jamil Walker opened spring as the No. 1 tailback, but P.J. Hill and Dion Foster, two of the redshirt freshmen, are more instinctive runners and could form a complementary duo. Hill understands the importance of pad level and generally explodes into tacklers. Foster throughout the spring displayed quick feet in the hole and a knack for eluding the first tackler.

Receivers Stocco will be throwing to new faces across the board as no returning receiver caught more than one pass in 2005. That means timing and trust could be issues, particularly early in the season.

NUMBERS GAME

25 Senior John Stocco has started 25 consecutive games, fourth-most nationally among active quarterbacks.

Two "veterans" who must produce are juniors Paul Hubbard and Marcus Randle El. Hubbard to date has enjoyed more success on the track than on the football field but has outstanding size (6'4" and 218 pounds) and can stretch defenses vertically. Randle El, the brother of Antwaan Randle El, is an ideal slot receiver. He has Velcro hands and despite his stature (5'10", 191) is able to catch the ball in traffic. Junior Jarvis Minton, expected to battle for a starting position and provide UW with a legitimate deep threat, missed most of spring workouts with a foot injury. He will need to make up the lost ground during summer workouts and preseason camp.

Wide receivers coach Henry Mason has used freshmen in the past and he could be forced to do so again this season. UW signed five wide receivers in February, and they'll get a long look in camp.

Offensive Linemen UW's best lineman and arguably the team's best all-around player is senior tackle Joe Thomas. Unfortunately for the Badgers, Thomas suffered a torn ACL in the Capital One Bowl. Thomas' rehabilitation was ahead of schedule in the spring, but until he proves on the field he can be the player he was before the injury, he remains a question mark. If Thomas does return, UW could field the biggest line in school history. The projected starters average 6'6" and 319 pounds.

The keys to success are how well junior center Marcus Coleman performs in his first season as a starter, how quickly sophomore Kraig Urbik adapts to right guard after starting 13 games at right tackle last season and how quickly Thomas can regain his form.

Defensive Linemen With everyone healthy this unit could be the anchor of the team, not

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The Bret Bielema era opens with the typical buzz created by a coaching change. Yet there is legitimate reason for UW fans to be excited, particularly about the defense and special teams. If defensive ends Jamal Cooper and Matt Shaughnessy are fully recovered from knee injuries suffered last season — they were on track in the spring — UW could field a line that is the best in the Big Ten. UW's front seven could be nasty. That would ease the burden on UW's cornerbacks, the staff's primary area of concern. A healthy defensive front coupled with punter Ken DeBauche and kicker Taylor Mehlhaff would allow UW to ride its defense and special teams until several young players on offense develop. Senior quarterback John Stocco, who has 25 consecutive starts and set several school records last season, will have to be patient early. UW lost its top three wide receivers, top three tight ends and top two tailbacks. The biggest loss was that of tailback Brian Calhoun, who turned pro a year early after accounting for 2,207 total yards and 24 touchdowns. Look for UW to replace him by committee, at least at first. The one player UW must get back is left tackle Joe Thomas, who suffered a torn ACL in the Capital One Bowl. Thomas was well ahead of his rehab schedule in the spring and plans to be in the lineup for the opener.

Joe Thomas

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	#Bowling Green	W
S.	9	Western Illinois	W
S.	16	San Diego State	W
S.	23	at Michigan	L
S.	30	at Indiana	W
O.	7	Northwestern	W
O.	14	Minnesota	W
O.	**21**	**at Purdue**	*
O.	28	Illinois	W
N.	**4**	**Penn State**	*
N.	**11**	**at Iowa**	*
N.	18	Buffalo	W
		#Cleveland, OH	

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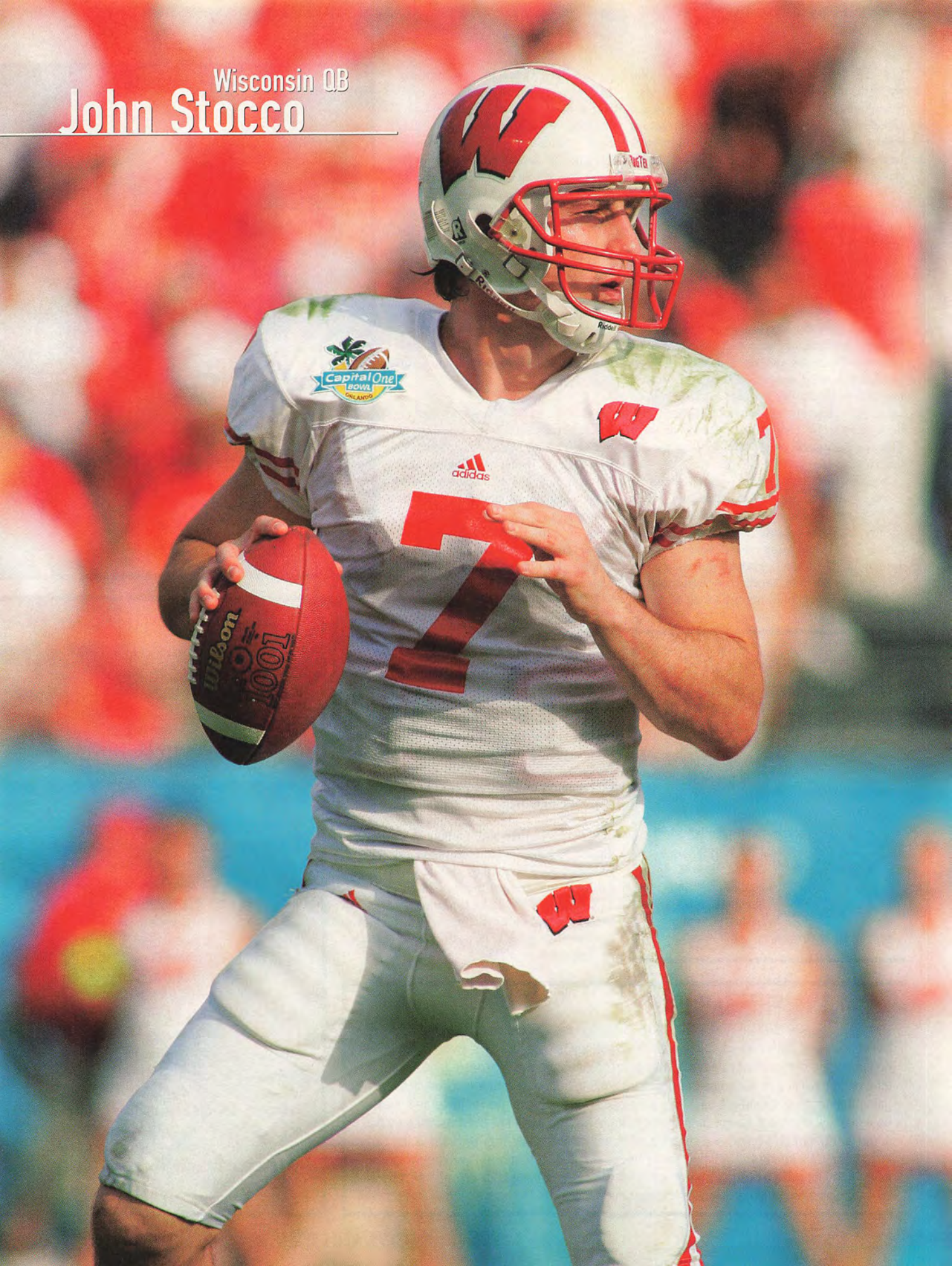
Wisconsin QB

John Stocco



just the defense. For the unit to be at full strength, though, ends Jamal Cooper and Matt Shaughnessy must return from ACL injuries. Cooper's injury occurred in Week 3, so his return shouldn't be an issue. Shaughnessy's injury occurred in the Big Ten finale, so his status is less certain.

Even without that duo, however, new line coach Randall McCray should have at least seven capable players at his disposal. Remember — Wisconsin played without Cooper and Shaughnessy in the Capitol One Bowl and still limited a powerful Auburn offense to 236 yards and 10 points, both well below the Tigers' season averages.

Two players to watch are junior tackles Nick Hayden and Justin Ostrowski. Both are 300-plus-pounders who are stout against the run and surprisingly mobile. Ostrowski missed most of the regular season after suffering a knee injury in camp but got extended time in the bowl game. In that game, Ostrowski and Hayden kept blockers off UW's speedy linebackers.

Injuries forced sophomore Jason Chapman to play both end and tackle a year ago. He is better-suited for end but worked at tackle in the spring, in part because reserve tackle Gino Cruse was held out to concentrate on academics. If Cruse can make it back or the Badgers can identify another big body to play tackle, Chapman could move back to end.

Linebackers UW will start arguably its fastest corps of linebackers ever, and if the starters are free to flow to the ball they will make plays all day. Senior Mark Zalewski is a legitimate All-Big Ten candidate who switched from the strong side to the middle during camp last year and got stronger as the year progressed. He was outstanding in the spring. Sophomores DeAndre Levy and Jonathan Casillas gained valuable experience last season and are future all-conference candidates.

Experienced depth is an issue. There is none. The reserves at all three spots have talent, but not one has played a down on defense for UW.

Defensive Backs New secondary coach Kerry Cooks is loaded at safety but looking for bodies at cornerback. Free safety Roderick Rogers and strong safety Joe Stellmacher, both starters last season, are all-conference candidates. Stellmacher, a former walk-on, might be the smartest player on the team. His willingness to play through pain is admired by his teammates.

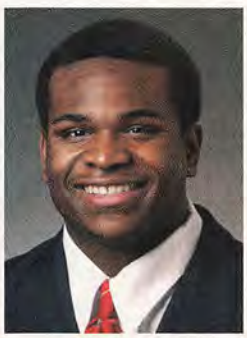
UW returns two sophomore cornerbacks with starting experience in Jack Ikegwuonu and Allen Langford. Ikegwuonu is a future star, but Langford, who lacks top-end speed, is probably best suited to be a third cornerback. Both Rogers and reserve free safety Shane Carter could play cornerback if needed. Either way, the backup cornerbacks are unproven, and the staff is eager to see if any of the incoming freshmen are ready to play. Bielema has said he won't hesitate to play freshmen, so one or two could be on the depth chart at cornerback.

Specialists Punter Ken DeBauche and kicker Taylor Mehlhaff were consistent and at times spectacular. Their play should keep UW's special teams among the best in the Big Ten. The key for UW will be finding a replacement for return specialist Brandon Williams, who consistently gave UW's offense outstanding field position in 2005.

Roderick Rogers

RISING STAR

With Brian Calhoun gone, redshirt freshman P.J. Hill should take over at tailback. Hill opened spring No. 2 on the depth chart behind junior Jamil Walker but clearly is UW's best all-around runner. He was pushing for the No. 2 job last year before suffering a broken leg in preseason camp.



OUTSIDE THE HUDDLE

Turnover total Only two members of Barry Alvarez's final staff are back under first-year coach Bret Bielema. They are offensive coordinator Paul Chryst and wide receivers coach Henry Mason. Offensive line coach Jim Hueber was also initially retained but chose to take a job with the Vikings under Brad Childress, a former UW assistant.

New home Two touted state products — sophomore Travis Beckum and junior Andy Crooks — made the transition during the spring from defense to tight end. Beckum's route-running is raw, but his hands appear sure, and as the spring progressed he began to show the ability to make defenders miss after the catch. Crooks started five games at middle linebacker as a freshman in 2004 but fell out of the rotation last season.

Special delivery In a departure from Alvarez's approach, Bielema decided against putting one coach in charge of the special teams. The duties will be divvied up, and Bielema intends to take an active role in preparation and game-planning. Alvarez was reluctant to run any fakes on field goals or punts. Might Bielema be more willing to roll the dice?

Ric Fogel

SCOUTING THE BADGERS

Opposing coaches size up Wisconsin: "Bret Bielema isn't a household name outside of the conference, but I really think he was the right guy for the job. He's awfully young, but he knows the system Barry Alvarez put in place. I just hope the Wisconsin fans have a little patience. They've got some good players coming back and with the schedule they're going to play, they should get back to a bowl game. John Stocco has really turned out to be a good quarterback, better than I ever thought he'd be. He's not the most athletic guy in the world, but he's tough and shows a lot of moxie. Obviously, they're really going to miss Brian Calhoun. But they'll find somebody to run behind that offensive line, which is going to be as good as usual. They've got a lot of people coming back on defense, and Bielema has worked under some of the best defensive guys in college football."

2006 WISCONSIN ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
12 Donovan, Tyler	QB	6'1"	190	Jr.	Hartland, WI
18 Sherer, Dustin	QB	6'4"	209	Fr.	Cicero, IN
7 Stocco, John	QB	6'2"	206	Sr.	Richfield, MN
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
21 Balts, Josh	RB	6'1"	247	Jr.	Barron, WI
22 Butler, Jerry	RB	5'9"	186	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
38 Foster, Dion	RB	5'8"	216	Fr.	Robbins, IL
43 Hanrahan, Ted	FB	6'3"	244	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI
39 Hill, P.J.	RB	5'11"	235	Fr.	East Elmhurst, NY
44 Pressley, Chris	RB	6'1"	268	Jr.	Woodbury, NJ
34 Rentmeester, Bill	FB	6'0"	254	So.	Beaver Dam, WI
24 Rowan, Dywon	RB	5'9"	243	Sr.	Erie, PA
42 Walker, Jamil	RB	6'2"	221	Jr.	Rolling Meadows, IL
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
36 Beckum, Travis	TE	6'4"	215	So.	Milwaukee, WI
37 Brown, Matt	TE	6'5"	224	Jr.	Madison, WI
43 Crooks, Andy	TE	6'3"	264	Jr.	Wausau, WI
44 Eernisse, Chris	WR	5'11"	169	Fr.	Grafton, WI
17 Gifford, Matt	WR	6'1"	200	Fr.	Waukesha, WI
48 Graham, Garrett	TE	6'4"	236	Fr.	Brick, NJ
85 Holzbauer, Jeff	WR	5'11"	194	Sr.	Germantown, WI
19 Hubbard, Paul	WR	6'4"	218	Jr.	Colorado Springs, CO
47 Kirtley, Richard	WR	6'2"	182	Fr.	Crete, IL
20 Konkol, Derek	WR	5'9"	181	Sr.	Amherst, WI
82 Lewis, Sean	TE	6'7"	245	So.	Oak Lawn, IL
87 McFadden, Jaevery	TE	6'3"	224	Fr.	Riviera Beach, FL
88 Minton, Jarvis	WR	6'1"	202	Jr.	Arlington, TX
23 Molenda, Joseph	TE	6'4"	240	Fr.	Greenfield, WI
81 Peck, Dave	TE/LS	6'5"	246	So.	Media, PA
27 Phillips, Shane	WR	6'1"	183	Fr.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
48 Quist, Nathan	TE	6'3"	253	Jr.	Walworth, WI
13 Randle El, Marcus	WR	5'10"	191	Jr.	Markham, IL
15 Ruffin, Jarmal	WR	6'4"	205	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
15 Swan, Luke	WR	6'0"	200	Jr.	Fennimore, WI
86 Theus, Elijah	WR	6'2"	186	Fr.	Sugarland, TX
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
65 Coleman, Marcus	C	6'6"	314	Jr.	Plymouth, MN
93 Gorman, Mark	G	6'4"	271	Sr.	The Woodlands, TX
64 Kaye, Danny	G	6'8"	317	Jr.	New Berlin, WI
75 Kemp, Andy	G	6'6"	321	So.	Menasha, WI
60 Knauf, Luke	C	6'4"	314	Jr.	Stratford, WI
58 Lenzendorf, Mike	OL	6'1"	297	Fr.	Eastman, WI
79 Stehle, Jeffrey	OL	6'6"	299	Fr.	Constantia, NY
72 Thomas, Joe	T	6'8"	306	Sr.	Brookfield, WI
63 Urbik, Kraig	G	6'6"	321	So.	Hudson, WI
62 Van Someren, Mike	T	6'7"	320	Jr.	Somerset, WI
71 VandenHeuvel, Eric	T	6'7"	326	So.	Hudson, WI
66 Watters, Dirk	OL	6'2"	237	Fr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
70 Weininger, Andrew	T	6'6"	314	Jr.	Harrison, NY
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
71 Behnke, Brian	DL	6'7"	235	Fr.	Brillion, WI
77 Cascone, Dan	DL	6'3"	307	Fr.	Newtown, CT
91 Chapman, Jason	DT	6'4"	283	So.	Bedford Hts., OH
5 Cooper, Jamal	DE	6'4"	206	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
98 Cruse, Gino	DL	6'5"	295	So.	Phoenix, AZ
96 Hayden, Nick	DT	6'5"	310	Jr.	Hartland, WI
90 Jamison, Terrance	DL	6'4"	259	Fr.	Riverdale, IL
56 Kelly, Brandon	DL	6'4"	251	Jr.	Bedford, OH
95 Monty, Joe	DE	6'2"	258	Sr.	Ft. Collins, CO
54 Newkirk, Mike	DT	6'3"	251	So.	Ladysmith, WI
99 Ostrowski, Justin	DT	6'5"	308	Jr.	Portage, WI
55 Purcell, Adam	DL	6'1"	235	Jr.	Oak Creek, WI
92 Shaughnessy, Matthew	DE	6'6"	227	So.	Norwich, CT
34 Ware, Kurt	DE	6'4"	279	Jr.	Spring, TX
94 Yentz, Derek	DL	6'3"	265	Jr.	Wauwatosa, WI
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
46 Casillas, Jonathan	LB	6'2"	208	So.	New Brunswick, NJ
18 Crane, Jammar	LB	6'1"	199	So.	Garland, TX
49 Flasch, Ryan	LB	6'1"	221	So.	Germantown, WI
52 Hodge, Elijah	LB	6'1"	220	Fr.	St. Thomas, VI
12 Hogan, Casey	LB	6'5"	206	Jr.	Cross Plains, WI
23 Joran, Paul	LB	6'3"	228	Sr.	Apple Valley, MN
38 Landgraf, Ben	LB	6'3"	217	So.	New Berlin, WI
7 Levy, DeAndre	LB	6'3"	220	So.	Milwaukee, WI
30 Ludovic, Adam	LB	6'0"	207	Fr.	Fond du Lac, WI
51 Neal, Joshua	LB	5'10"	242	So.	Nashville, TN
50 Schofield, O'Brien	LB	6'3"	234	Fr.	Great Lakes, IL
41 Zalewski, Mark	LB	6'2"	236	Sr.	Wausau, WI
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
37 Ayeni, Phil	DB	6'2"	160	Fr.	Woodbury, MN
25 Carter, Shane	FS	6'2"	199	So.	Troy, OH
30 Davis, Jameson	DB	6'0"	190	So.	Hamden, CT
31 Egholm, Nate	DB	5'10"	218	Jr.	Oconomowoc, WI
29 Freeman, Antonio	DB	6'0"	186	So.	Milwaukee, WI
26 Hampton, Zach	CB	5'10"	171	Sr.	Lancaster, WI
19 Hartmann, William	DB	5'11"	194	Fr.	Sheboygan, WI
39 Herman, Brian	DB	6'2"	191	Fr.	Sheboygan, WI
27 Ikegwuonu, Jack	CB	6'1"	199	So.	Madison, WI
20 Kamoku, James	DB	6'2"	218	Jr.	Kailua-Kona, HI
17 Langford, Allen	CB	5'11"	188	So.	Detroit, MI
31 Moody, Prince	DB	5'11"	190	Fr.	Columbus, OH
46 Morrissey, Tony	DB	6'0"	174	Fr.	West Allis, WI
28 Pleasant, Aubrey	DB	6'0"	205	So.	Flint, MI
22 Rogers, Roderick	FS	6'2"	186	Sr.	Stone Mountain, GA
45 Sibley, Joe	DB	5'9"	179	Jr.	Middleton, WI
16 Stellmacher, Joe	SS	6'1"	222	Sr.	Berlin, WI
3 Strickland, Ben	CB	5'9"	176	Jr.	Brookfield, WI
4 White, Johnny	SS	6'2"	223	Sr.	Pearland, TX
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
94 DeBauche, Ken	P	6'2"	221	Jr.	Suamico, WI
96 Fischer, Matt	K	5'11"	182	Fr.	Appleton, WI
57 Johnson, Steve	LS	6'3"	246	Jr.	Brookfield, WI
10 Mehlhaff, Taylor	K	5'11"	185	Jr.	Aberdeen, SD
98 Schober, Adam	K	5'11"	203	So.	Plano, TX
97 Standring, Paul	P/K	6'1"	215	Jr.	Chicago, IL
47 Woodward, Andrew	LS	6'4"	218	Fr.	Appleton, WI

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (2)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	19	Paul Hubbard	Jr.
WR	88	Jarvis Minton	Jr.
LT	**72**	**Joe Thomas**	**Sr.**
LG	75	Andy Kemp	So.
C	65	Marcus Coleman	Jr.
RG	63	Kraig Urbik	So.
RT	71	Eric VandenHeuvel	So.
TE	82	Sean Lewis	So.
QB	**7**	**John Stocco**	**Sr.**
FB	44	Chris Pressley	Jr.
TB	39	P.J. Hill	Fr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	13	Marcus Randle El	Jr.
WR	85	Jeff Holzbauer	Sr.
LT	62	Mike Van Someren	Jr.
LG	64	Danny Kaye	Jr.
C	60	Luke Knauf	Jr.
RG	93	Mark Gorman	Sr.
RT	70	Andrew Weininger	Jr.
TE	43	Andy Crooks	Jr.
QB	12	Tyler Donovan	Jr.
FB	34	Bill Rentmeester	So.
TB	38	Dion Foster	Fr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**95**	**Joe Monty**	**Sr.**
DT	**96**	**Nick Hayden**	**Jr.**
DT	**91**	**Jason Chapman**	**So.**
DE	5	Jamal Cooper	Jr.
WLB	46	Jonathan Casillas	So.
MLB	**41**	**Mark Zalewski**	**Sr.**
SLB	7	DeAndre Levy	So.
CB	27	Jack Ikegwuonu	So.
CB	**17**	**Allen Langford**	**So.**
SS	**16**	**Joe Stellmacher**	**Sr.**
FS	**22**	**Roderick Rogers**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	34	Kurt Ware	Jr.
DT	54	Mike Newkirk	So.
DT	99	Justin Ostrowski	Jr.
DE	92	Matt Shaughnessy	So.
WLB	49	Ryan Flasch	So.
MLB	52	Elijah Hodge	Fr.
SLB	50	O'Brien Schofield	Fr.
CB	26	Zach Hampton	Sr.
CB	3	Ben Strickland	Jr.
SS	4	Johnny White	Sr.
FS	25	Shane Carter	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	10	Taylor Mehlhaff	Jr.
P	94	Ken DeBauche	Jr.
KR	26	Zach Hampton	Sr.
PR	13	Marcus Randle El	Jr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Bret Bielema
Record at School: First Season
Career Record: First Season
Offensive Coordinator: Paul Chryst
Co-Defensive Coordinators: Mike Hankwitz, Dave Doeren
Madison, Wis.
Camp Randall Stadium (80,321)

2006 SIGNEES

Isaac Anderson	WR	5'11"	170	Minneapolis, MN
Niles Brinkley	WR	5'10"	175	St. Louis, MO
Jake Bscherer	OL	6'7"	285	Sturgeon Bay, WI
Gabe Carimi	OL	6'8"	280	Cottage Grove, WI
Kirk DeCremer	TE	6'5"	235	Middleton, WI
Richard Garner	ATH	6'5"	220	Pasadena, CA
Xavier Harris	WR	5'11"	175	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Brandon Hoey	DL	6'5"	290	Shoreview, MN
Diondrae Jenkins	ATH	6'2"	192	Racine, WI
Daven Jones	WR	6'1"	190	Cleveland, OH
Lance Kendricks	WR	6'4"	210	Milwaukee, WI
Jamathan Lyle	DB	5'11"	165	Boulder, CO
John Moffitt	OL/DL	6'5"	295	Guilford, CT
Maurice Moore	QB	5'11"	165	Fort Worth, TX
Bill Nagy	OL	6'4"	305	Hudson, OH
Josh Nettles	ATH	5'10"	170	Defuniak Springs, FL
Kim Royston	DB	5'11"	185	Minneapolis, MN
Culmer St. Jean	DB	6'1"	215	Naples, FL
Lance Smith	RB	5'10"	197	Warren, OH
Brad Thorson	OL	6'4"	285	Mequon, WI
Scott Tolzien	QB	6'3"	190	Rolling Meadows, IL
Mickey Turner	TE	6'4"	240	Camdenton, MO
Jay Valai	DB	5'9"	195	Euless, TX

It was no secret the UW staff needed to replenish the offensive line, wide receiver corps and secondary, and that is precisely what it did. UW signed five linemen, five wide receivers and four defensive backs. Last season, two freshmen were forced to play on the line because of a lack of depth. Incoming tackles Gabe Carimi and Jake Bscherer, both All-Americans, are good enough to fill in as reserves if needed. However, barring injury to the veterans, both should be able to redshirt. UW has no experienced wide receivers back, so look for as many as three freshmen to get a serious look in pre-season camp. Lance Kendricks is one of those candidates and arguably the best incoming prospect. UW is comfortable with its projected starting cornerbacks, but depth is an issue. Jamathan Lyle and Kim Royston are the top candidates.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 10–3 (5–3 Big Ten)

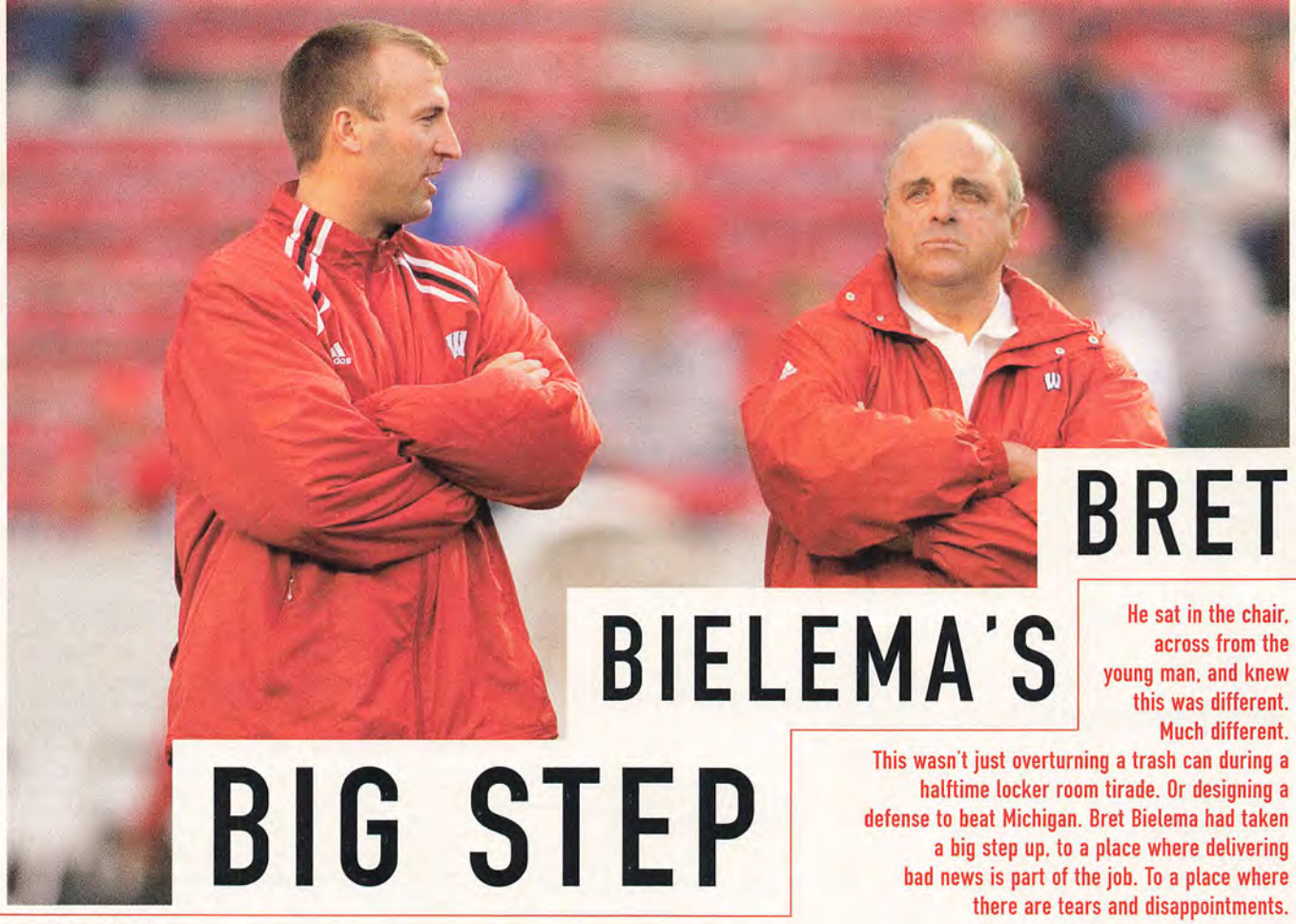
Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	3	Bowling Green	W	56–42	82,138
S.	10	Temple	W	65– 0	81,806
S.	17	at North Carolina	W	14– 5	60,000
S.	24	Michigan	W	23–20	83,022
O.	1	Indiana	W	41–24	82,330
O.	8	at Northwestern	L	48–51	33,859
O.	15	at Minnesota	W	38–34	65,089
O.	22	Purdue	W	31–20	82,828
O.	29	at Illinois	W	41–24	52,158
N.	5	at Penn State	L	14–35	109,865
N.	12	Iowa	L	10–20	83,184
N.	25	at Hawaii	W	41–24	34,031
J.	2	#Auburn	W	24–10	57,221
		Capital One Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
John Stocco	**328**	**197**	**2,920**	**21**	**9**
Tyler Donovan	**6**	**3**	**49**	**1**	**0**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Brian Calhoun	348	1,636	4.7	22	
Booker Stanley	69	340	4.9	3	
Jamil Walker	**18**	**96**	**5.3**	**1**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Brandon Williams	59	1,095	18.6	6	
Brian Calhoun	53	571	10.8	2	

Kicking: Taylor Mehlhaff, 14-20 FGs, 56-58 XPs, 98 points
Tackles: Dontez Sanders, 95; **Joe Stellmacher, 90**
Sacks: Nick Hayden, 5.5
Interceptions: Roderick Rogers, 3; Jack Ikegwuonu, 3

Returning Players in Bold



BRET BIELEMA'S BIG STEP

He sat in the chair, across from the young man, and knew this was different. Much different. This wasn't just overturning a trash can during a halftime locker room tirade. Or designing a defense to beat Michigan. Bret Bielema had taken a big step up, to a place where delivering bad news is part of the job. To a place where there are tears and disappointments.

by Michael Bradley

Bielema was a head coach, and he had to tell a Wisconsin player that a health issue had ended his career. "It was one of the most difficult meetings I've had as a head coach," Bielema admits. Yes, it was. And things are only going to get tougher. Like the next meeting, when he had to inform another player — tailback Booker Stanley — that a couple years of bad behavior had earned him a chance to play somewhere else. That was hard, too. But necessary.

That's how it is for the head coach, especially one who takes over a program with as much going for it as Wisconsin. The expectations are so high that every decision becomes a big one, whether it's helping a player deal with disappointment, showing someone the door or figuring out what offense and defense to run. Bielema, at age 36, is in charge, having taken over for Barry Alvarez in Madison and accepting the responsibility of keeping the Badgers moving forward as one of the nation's most successful programs. With that comes the tough meetings and the inevitable scrutiny. Unlike Alvarez, who could have been Coach for Life in Madison thanks to his miraculous building of the UW program from a Big Ten sap to a three-time Rose Bowl winner, Bielema has no political capital in the bank. A bad season or two could be devastating to his chances of succeeding over the long haul, because in that situation, there may not be a long haul. Bielema knows all that — and embraces it.

"The first time I ever sat in on a staff meeting with Coach (Hayden) Fry, I was a grad assistant at Iowa, and I wasn't even allowed at the main table," Bielema says. "I was a few rows back and thought how neat it would be to sit at the end of the table some day with my own people."

Bielema ascended to the top spot at Wisconsin in a somewhat unorthodox way. Last summer, Alvarez announced he was going to retire after the 2005 season, and in his capacity as athletic director, he named Bielema his successor. It was a true head-scratcher for Badger fans, most of whom barely knew Bielema, who had joined Alvarez's staff just the year before. He had been a successful defensive coordinator — for one season — and had coached under some formidable bosses, like Fry, Kirk Ferentz and Bill Snyder. Those were excellent credentials for an assistant. At Wisconsin, a program that competed for Big Ten titles on an annual basis, Alvarez's departure would seem to have warranted a nationwide search and the selection of a seasoned winner.

Instead, Alvarez chose Bielema.

"I think there are some people who are destined to be successful," Alvarez says. "Bret has the charisma and presence and the ability to see the big picture. He has the desire. A lot of people have the desire and vision that they're going to be head coaches, but that isn't a reality."

Though Bielema had no direct head coaching experience, the early announcement of his selection gave him an entire season to prepare for the job, rather than an on-the-fly indoctrination to all things Wisconsin. He spent the time between the end of practice each Thursday until game day working on "future-oriented" things. Once a week, he and Alvarez would take an hour-long walk, during which the old coach would download his thoughts and experiences about the job, and Bielema would ask questions. Alvarez says he tried to "open Bielema's mind up to things that would hit him when he took over the job." Alvarez, who kept logs of just about everything that happened during his tenure at Wisconsin, gave Bielema a pages-long list of considerations that would need his attention. It was an excellent indoctrination and a chance for Bielema to formulate his own opinions within a solid framework of Alvarez's experience.

"I'd listen to him and bounce things off him," Bielema says. "It was a great one-on-one."

Neither Alvarez nor Bielema expects the new Badger head coach to adhere strictly to the old way. As a former boss man, Alvarez understands that, and Bielema is unquestionably his own man. He'll consult his

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former boss, both through notes from their year-long transition period and in person, but the vision he has crafted for the program is entirely his own. "I turned the job over to him," Alvarez says. "I'm a delegator." He'll also be a resource, since his office is only "100 yards away."

Because Bielema has not directed a program of his own before, it's hard to know exactly what to expect from the Badgers in '06 and beyond. His task is made easier by the success Wisconsin has experienced and the first-rate facilities already in place. It's not as if Bielema had to demand certain improvements and commitments before he accepted Alvarez's offer. It's all there. In a way, he's like a McDonald's franchisee, opening the doors on a proven winner and charged less with making it work than with not messing it up.

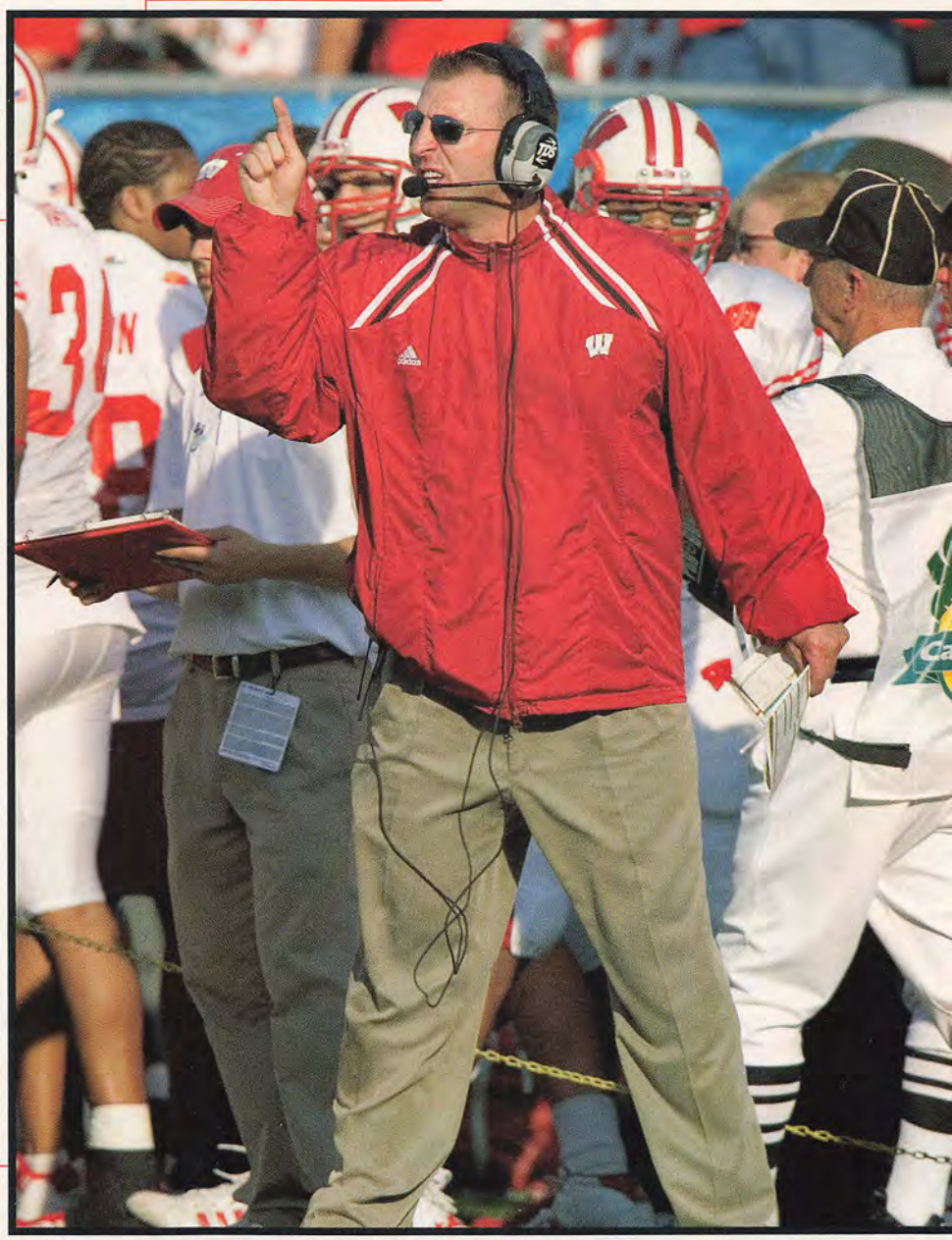
"Normally, you have to take a job and make it great," Alvarez says. "The luxury Bret has is that the program is in place. The kids know how to win and work hard. He doesn't have to build something. He has to put his stamp on it."

One of the more visible features of that imprint will be Bielema's enthusiasm and ability to relate well to players. That's often a cliché in the coaching world, since all but the most distant coaches make connections with their teams. The days of Bear Bryant's lording over the practice field from his tower are long gone. But unlike Alvarez, who turned 59 a few days before the Badgers' bowl win over Auburn and is a grandfather, Bielema isn't that far removed from his college days — relatively speaking — and has the ability to understand the problems facing players a little more easily than Alvarez could.

"I think we have all noticed that he brings a lot of energy and a lot of fire," says senior quarterback John Stocco. "People respond to that. He's a younger guy, and the players can relate. He's very inspirational."

One of Bielema's main messages is that each Badger player must develop a sense of ownership for the program. Not long after he had taken over for Alvarez, Bielema put three headlines in every player's locker. Two had to do with players' arrests, while one celebrated the win over Auburn. His message was that all three defined the entire program. The arrests tainted each Badger, because they made the program appear to be out of control and its members to be dangerous. The victory showed what can come from hard work and discipline.

It isn't all about law and order, but it is about responsibility. Wisconsin won't continue to be successful if the players don't understand that they must sacrifice — or move on. When Bielema dismissed Stanley, it surprised many who felt the newcomer would make things easier for himself by making Stanley run some steps at 5 a.m. and then turning him loose to rush for 1,000 yards or so in 2006. That's not how Bielema does it. When you coach under people like Fry, Snyder, Ferentz and Alvarez, you understand how important the whole is and that no one piece can be favored over the entire unit. "I'm going to guide (the players) and discipline them," Bielema says. "At the end of the day, they'll know I'm looking out for their best interests."



"I think there are some people who are destined to be successful," Barry Alvarez says of his successor. "Bret has the charisma and presence and the ability to see the big picture."

Bielema's going to coach them, too. That's what he was brought to Wisconsin to do. Even though he had an inkling that Alvarez was plotting his exit strategy during his job interview back in '04, Bielema didn't consider that he'd be taking over. His job was to build a defense, and he did that. The Badgers allowed just 291.2 yards and 15.4 ppg in '04, and though last year's younger version had some tough moments, most notably against Northwestern and Penn State, it rebounded well to shackle a solid Auburn team (236 total yards) in the Capital One Bowl win. Though he won't be directing the defense any more, Bielema is certainly not going to remove himself from the day-to-day fray. "I don't think he wants to give up coaching," Stocco says. The quarterback is right. Bielema will let his coordinators do their jobs but will pay close attention to special teams. "At my age, I don't want to give up the whistle yet," he says.

With everything else he has to worry about, it makes sense that Bielema is going to need some time to enjoy himself.

If only until the next crisis arises.

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GMAC FINANCIAL SERVICES PRESENTS THE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE PREVIEW

The West Division should once again be the strength of the MAC after posting a lopsided 14–4 record against the East in inter-division regular-season games last season. But despite the West's dominance in '05, it was East Division champ Akron that came from nowhere to win its first MAC title and earn its first-ever bowl bid. With the certification of the International Bowl in Toronto, the league has three bowl affiliations for 2006, so look for multiple West Division teams to play in the postseason this year.

Northern Illinois was on the losing end of the MAC title game last year — a 31–30 heartbreaker — but the Huskies are the favorites to win the league crown in 2006. With All-America candidate Garrett Wolfe running the ball, NIU should boast the league's most formidable ground attack. Perennial conference power Toledo will be in the mix again but must replace its all-time passing leader Bruce Gradkowski. The division title could be at stake when the Rockets visit the Huskies in November.

Central Michigan has made tremendous strides under third-year coach Brian Kelly. The Chips beat Miami, Akron and Toledo last season and could be the MAC's dark horse this fall. Ball State and Western Michigan feature veteran quarterbacks, while Eastern Michigan was only seven points away from a 7–4 season. Each team has vastly improved.

The East Division is wide open. Miami looks to be the most complete team but needs to replace Josh Betts at quarterback. Akron is beginning to build a football tradition under J.D. Brookhart, who has the Zips ready to repeat behind the league's top returning quarterback, Luke Getsy.

Former Nebraska coach Frank Solich has Ohio moving in the right direction and really has the Bobcat faithful excited for his second season. Bowling Green is coming off a disappointing year that saw Top 25 expectations turn into a sub-par 6–5 campaign. The Falcons need to replace all of their offensive skill players and most of their line.

Kent State expects to rebound from a long and injury-riddled 2005 campaign behind a proven quarterback in Michael Machen. Buffalo welcomes former Nebraska star Turner Gill as its coach with a goal to make its football program as competitive as its basketball team.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

MAC East

1. MIAMI
2. AKRON
3. OHIO
4. BOWLING GREEN
5. KENT STATE
6. BUFFALO

MAC West

1. » NORTHERN ILLINOIS
2. TOLEDO
3. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
4. BALL STATE
5. WESTERN MICHIGAN
6. EASTERN MICHIGAN

» OUTRIGHT CHAMP

2006 ATHLON PRESEASON ALL-MAC TEAM »

OFFENSE					
QB	Luke Getsy	6'2"	220	Sr.	Akron
RB	Kalvin McRae	5'11"	208	Jr.	Ohio
RB	Garrett Wolfe	5'7"	173	Sr.	Northern Illinois
WR	Eric Deslauriers	6'4"	205	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
WR	Ryne Robinson	5'10"	169	Sr.	Miami
TE	Chris Hopkins	6'4"	255	Sr.	Toledo
C	Hassan Adebesin	6'0"	300	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Doug Free	6'7"	302	Sr.	Northern Illinois
OL	John Greco	6'5"	318	Jr.	Toledo
OL	Kory Lichtensteiger	6'3"	305	Jr.	Bowling Green
OL	Joe Staley	6'5"	299	Sr.	Central Michigan
DEFENSE					
DL	Dan Bazuin	6'3"	269	Sr.	Central Michigan
DL	Kiki Gonzalez	6'2"	300	Sr.	Akron
DL	Kevin Howe	6'2"	240	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
LB	Dan Holtzclaw	6'1"	222	So.	Eastern Michigan
LB	Mike Alston	6'2"	212	Sr.	Toledo
LB	Matt Muncy	6'2"	231	Sr.	Ohio
LB	Ameer Ismail	6'2"	225	Sr.	Western Michigan
CB	Louis Delmas	6'0"	181	So.	Western Michigan
CB	T.J. Wright	5'11"	175	Sr.	Ohio
S	Dustin Utschig	5'10"	189	Sr.	Northern Illinois
S	Joey Card	6'0"	198	Sr.	Miami
SPECIALISTS					
K	Andrew Wellock	5'11"	182	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
P	Chris Miller	6'2"	212	So.	Ball State
KR	Scott Mayle	6'1"	175	Sr.	Ohio
PR	Ryne Robinson	5'10"	169	Sr.	Miami

THE MAC ATHLON AWARDS »

QBs Akron » RBs Toledo » TE/WRs Miami » OL Toledo
DL Central Michigan » LBs Ohio » DBs Northern Illinois

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After winning its first-ever MAC championship, Akron will find out if staying on top is indeed tougher than getting there in the first place. The Zips boast the league's best quarterback in Luke Getsy, but most of his skill position supporting cast is gone.

Getsy, however, will have the luxury of playing in front of an offensive line that returns intact. The task for head coach J.D. Brookhart is to sort out the skill people he has on hand. "We have a number of guys back from last season," Brookhart says. "But we have holes in some key areas. However, we feel good about some of the young people we have."

Quarterbacks Getsy, a transfer from Pittsburgh, produced one of the best seasons in school history, throwing for 3,455 yards and a school-record 23 touchdowns in the Zips' West Coast attack. "Luke does a great job managing the game for us," Brookhart says. "He makes the right checks and has a great ability to make plays."

Carlton Jackson and Chris Jacquemain, a pair of redshirt freshmen, will battle for the right to back up Getsy.

Running Backs Dennis Kennedy will have the first crack at stepping in for 1,200-yard rusher Brett Biggs, but Alex Allen or Frank Berchie could land the role — unless Brookhart opts for a committee approach. The fast and powerful Kennedy, the leading returning rusher, is also capable receiver coming out of the backfield.

Joe McDaniel will be the lead blocker at fullback.

"We need to find some skill people back there," Brookhart says. "And we also want to keep improving our schemes and our running game."

Receivers Junior Jabari Arthur is the featured receiver for the Zips, and after he amassed 180 yards in receptions in Akron's loss in the Motor City Bowl, there's no question he can wear that mantle. Things are wide open after Arthur, however, and Akron is looking at Johnny Long, Stephon Fuqua, Jermaine Lindsay and Marcus Patterson to fill out its pass formations. "Jabari comes in as the go-to guy," Brookhart says, "but we lost a ton of receiving yards from our championship team and we need some of these other guys to step up and become very productive."

Offensive Linemen The trench is loaded with savvy veterans — the top six linemen are back, along with starting tight end Kris Kasparek. Tackles Tim Crouch and Chris Kemme, guards Mike Donaldson and Andy Alleman, and center Andy Wills combined for 58 starts in 2005, while Mike Schepp filled in with another seven starts at guard and tackle. "That group is back intact, and that certainly is an asset and a luxury," Brookhart says.

Defensive Linemen The Zips enjoy depth on the line, with a good mix of proven high-caliber guys and developing talent. "This is an area where we have a chance to be much-improved," Brookhart says. Senior nose guard Kiki Gonzalez was a second-team All-MAC pick last year, while senior end Jermaine Reid ranked seventh in the league in sacks with seven a year ago, helping the Zips tie for the MAC lead in that category (31).

NUMBERS GAME

5 Luke Getsy has played just one season at Akron, but with 3,455 yards passing he is already ranked No. 5 on the school's all-time career passing list.

Linebackers Kevin Grant, a freshman All-American last year, and Brion Stokes, a second-team All-MAC selection, make this a formidable unit, and if junior Bryan Howe can fill in the middle, the Zips are in business. "Kevin and Brion are the cornerstones of this group," Brookhart says. "But we also have some talented younger players, and we'll have to see how they will perform."

Defensive Backs Akron ranked 16th in the nation in pass defense last season, allowing only 180.9 yards per game, and with the secondary returning virtually intact, the Zips should be in position to make life tough for the MAC's pass-happy members. Senior Reggie Corner, with 24 straight starts, and junior Davanzo Tate, a West Virginia transfer who started the final nine games of 2005, are strong corners, while junior rover John Mackey is the top returning tackler after racking up 95 stops. Juniors Chevin Pace and Chris Brown man the safety positions.

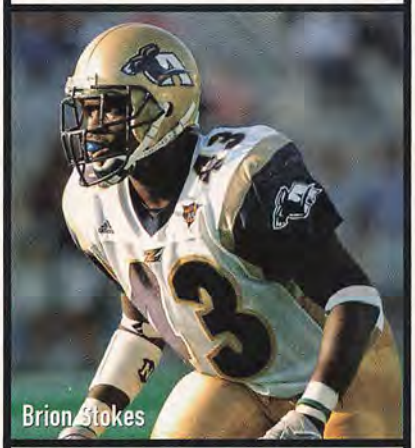
Specialists The Zips expect to throw a couple of unproven players into the breach after both the kicking and punting positions were vacated. Punter Andy Hildreth and kicker Matt Domonkos have not played and will be pressed for the jobs by two highly regarded freshmen — kicker Igor Iveljic and punter John Stec.

"We are hoping for an improvement in our return and coverage teams," Brookhart says. "We were among the best in the league two years ago and want to get back to that level. It's area we preach about continually."

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE ZIPS

J.D. Brookhart has plenty of players and more than a few good ones, but does he have the playmakers he'll need to keep the Zips on top of the MAC? Outside of quarterback Luke Getsy and wide receiver Jabari Arthur, there are no proven skill position threats. But the coach of the defending league champs must take some solace in the fact that prior to last season's title run, not many knew who his playmakers were then, either. The presence of the league's most experienced offensive line will make things a bit easier for the new skill guys. After finishing near the bottom of the MAC in total defense for a number of years, the Zips made huge strides, finishing No. 2 in the league and 32nd nationally (339.9 ypg) in 2005. Using an unconventional 3-3 stack formation, the Zips cut nearly 90 yards per game off the yardage they allowed the previous season. The Zips are experienced and stout against the pass — a must as they battle with pass-happy offenses like Miami and Bowling Green for the East title — and they welcome back their secondary virtually intact. This is not a team without issues, but expect Brookhart to have his club in the thick of the division race once again.



Brion Stokes

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	at Penn State	L
S.	9	at NC State	L
S.	**16**	**at Central Michigan**	*
S.	23	North Texas	W
S.	30	at Kent State	W
O.	**7**	**at Cincinnati**	*
O.	**21**	**Miami (OH)**	*
O.	28	at Toledo	L
N.	4	Bowling Green	W
N.	9	Buffalo	W
N.	**16**	**at Ohio**	*
N.	24	Western Michigan	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Jeff Harwell

2006 AKRON ROSTER

	Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
16	Getsy, Luke	QB	6'2"	220	Sr.	Munhall, PA
13	Hakes, Sean	QB	6'3"	200	Fr.	Ft. Worth, TX
7	Jackson, Carlton	QB	6'2"	195	Fr.	Pompano Beach, FL
11	Jacquemain, Chris	QB	6'2"	211	Fr.	Painesville, OH
14	Zetts, Tim	QB	6'2"	205	So.	New Middleton, OH
	Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
26	Allen, Alex	RB	6'0"	203	So.	Youngstown, OH
31	Berchie, Frank	RB	5'8"	204	Jr.	Falls Church, VA
3	Kennedy, Dennis	RB	5'11"	209	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
33	McDaniel, Joe	RB	5'11"	220	So.	Turtle Creek, PA
35	McMillon, Bryant	RB	5'10"	195	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
42	Tuzze, Joe	RB	5'11"	225	Fr.	Mayfield, PA
	Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
12	Arthur, Jabari	WR	6'4"	224	Jr.	Montreal, PQ
25	Cruz, Jose	TE	6'5"	250	Fr.	Johnstown, PA
86	Fife, Doug	TE	6'4"	250	So.	Venetia, PA
15	Flaherty, Brian	TE	6'4"	235	So.	Stow, OH
4	Fuqua, Stephon	WR	6'1"	200	So.	Cleveland, OH
84	Kasparek, Kris	TE	6'6"	260	Jr.	New Brighton, PA
82	Lindsay, Jermaine	WR	6'1"	165	Fr.	Bowie, MD
21	Long, Johnny	WR	6'1"	180	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
1	Patterson, Marcus	WR	5'9"	181	Jr.	Buffalo, NY
83	Poindexter, Merce	TE	6'4"	243	So.	Ellwood City, PA
65	Truax, Craig	TE	6'4"	255	Fr.	Findlay, OH
17	Williams, Brandon	WR	6'1"	177	So.	Tampa, FL
	Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
57	Alleman, Andy	G	6'4"	295	Sr.	Greentown, OH
78	Anderson, Zack	G	6'4"	290	Fr.	Lester, PA
51	Bates, Elliott	OL	6'4"	295	Fr.	Houston, PA
70	Brewster, Garrett	G	6'3"	315	So.	Harrisville, PA
72	Crouch, Tim	T	6'3"	300	Sr.	Dayton, OH
73	Donaldson, Mike	G	6'5"	295	Sr.	Mansfield, OH
64	Holley, Jim	C	6'3"	301	Jr.	Gahanna, OH
77	Huebner, Keith	T	6'7"	295	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA
74	Kemme, Chris	T	6'6"	290	So.	Upper Arlington, OH
68	Schepp, Mike	T	6'4"	303	Jr.	Little Chute, WI
63	Wills, Andy	C	6'3"	290	Sr.	Columbus, OH
	Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
59	Butler, Brandon	DL	6'2"	248	Jr.	Cranberry Twp., PA
55	Cecchetti, Jared	NG	6'2"	264	Jr.	Kane, PA
97	Gonzalez, Kiki	NG	6'2"	300	Sr.	Elizabeth, NJ
98	Kiner, Joshua	DL	6'3"	271	Fr.	Dauphin, PA
93	Lively, Eric	DT	6'2"	270	So.	Gambrills, MD
41	Martin, John	DL	6'2"	243	Jr.	Norman, OK
56	McPherson, Clarence	DE	6'3"	255	So.	Miami, FL
91	Pendleton, Wallace	DL	6'1"	310	Fr.	Oak Park, IL
99	Reid, Jermaine	DE	6'4"	275	Sr.	Pickering, ON
95	Robinson, Nate	DT	6'5"	315	Jr.	Irvington, NJ
	Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
52	Alphonse, Michael	LB	6'0"	244	Fr.	Miramar, FL
46	Bailey, Ryan	LB	5'10"	223	So.	Cleveland, OH
47	Balaam, Al-Teric	LB	6'1"	228	Fr.	New Brunswick, NJ
58	Benjamin, Jemall	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Cleveland, OH
30	Grant, Kevin	BAN	6'2"	245	So.	Herndon, VA
96	Groza, Mark	LB	6'3"	227	Sr.	Akron, OH
44	Howe, Bryan	LB	6'0"	242	Jr.	Akron, OH
41	Jackson, Kevin	LB	6'1"	220	Jr.	Chantilly, VA
7	McNeal, Parris	LB	6'0"	206	Sr.	Detroit, MI
38	Rice, Brian	LB	6'3"	221	Sr.	North Canton, OH
50	Siler, Ray	LB	6'1"	225	Jr.	Canton, OH
43	Stokes, Brion	LB	5'11"	220	Jr.	Charlotte, NC
54	Williams, Doug	BAN	6'2"	234	So.	Tampa, FL
	Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
28	Anderson, Brandon	CB	5'11"	170	So.	Dublin, VA
24	Brown, Chris	FS	5'9"	200	Jr.	Westerville, OH
27	Cobham, Wayne	ROV	6'2"	190	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, FL
20	Corner, Reggie	CB	5'9"	175	Sr.	Canton, OH
45	DeScott, DeAndre	DB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
8	Dixon, Yamari	FS	5'8"	200	Jr.	Miami, FL
46	Etienne, Rodney	DB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Pompano Beach, FL
9	Henry, Dionte	CB	5'11"	196	Sr.	Aliquippa, PA
26	Johnson, Ryan	DB	5'10"	170	Sr.	Columbus, OH
4	Jordan, Wes	DB	5'7"	170	Fr.	Canal Winchester, OH
23	Laube, Evan	DB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Richfield, OH
19	Mackey, John	ROV	5'10"	213	Jr.	Uniontown, OH
37	Nedd, Jason	SS	5'10"	197	Sr.	St. Hubert, PQ
10	Pace, Chevin	SS	5'10"	185	Jr.	Miami, FL
5	Tate, Davanzo	CB	5'10"	185	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
29	Walker, Andre	DB	5'10"	185	Jr.	Reynoldsburg, OH
	Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
39	Domonkos, Matt	K	5'8"	171	Jr.	Windber, PA
49	Giachetti, Jason	LS	6'1"	240	Sr.	Brooklyn, OH
16	Hildreth, Andy	P/K	6'0"	185	So.	Dayton, OH

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (8)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	12	Jabari Arthur	Jr.
WR	4	Stephon Fuqua	So.
LT	**72**	**Tim Crouch**	**Sr.**
LG	**73**	**Mike Donaldson**	**Sr.**
C	**63**	**Andy Wills**	**Sr.**
RG	**57**	**Andy Alleman**	**Sr.**
RT	**74**	**Chris Kemme**	**So.**
TE	**84**	**Kris Kasparek**	**Jr.**
QB	**16**	**Luke Getsy**	**Sr.**
FB	33	Joe McDaniel	So.
RB	3	Dennis Kennedy	So.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	21	Johnny Long	Jr.
WR	82	Jermaine Lindsay	Fr.
LT	68	Mike Schepp	Jr.
LG	70	Garrett Brewster	So.
C	64	Jim Holley	Jr.
RG	78	Zack Anderson	Fr.
RT	77	Keith Huebner	Fr.
TE	**83**	**Merce Poindexter**	**So.**
QB	11	Chris Jacquemain	Fr.
FB	42	Joe Tuzze	Fr.
RB	26	Alex Allen	So.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (10)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**99**	**Jermaine Reid**	**Sr.**
NG	**97**	**Kiki Gonzalez**	**Sr.**
DT	93	Eric Lively	So.
BAN	**30**	**Kevin Grant**	**So.**
SLB	**43**	**Brion Stokes**	**Jr.**
MLB	44	Bryan Howe	Jr.
ROV	**19**	**John Mackey**	**Jr.**
CB	**20**	**Reggie Corner**	**Sr.**
CB	**5**	**Davanzo Tate**	**Jr.**
SS	**10**	**Chevin Pace**	**Jr.**
FS	**24**	**Chris Brown**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	56	Clarence McPherson	So.
NG	55	Jared Cecchetti	Jr.
DT	95	Nate Robinson	Jr.
BAN	54	Doug Williams	So.
SLB	7	Parris McNeal	Sr.
MLB	96	Mark Groza	Sr.
ROV	27	Wayne Cobham	Fr.
CB	28	Brandon Anderson	So.
CB	**9**	**Dionte Henry**	**Sr.**
SS	37	Jason Nedd	Sr.
FS	8	Yamari Dixon	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	39	Matt Domonkos	Jr.
P	16	Andy Hildreth	So.
KR	3	Dennis Kennedy	So.
PR	82	Jermaine Lindsey	Fr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: J.D. Brookhart
Record at School: 13–11 (2 years)
Career Record: 13–11 (2 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Jim Pry
Defensive Coordinator: Jim Fleming
Akron, Ohio
Rubber Bowl (31,000)

2006 SIGNEES

Mickey Baker	LB	5'11"	225	Quincy, FL
Anthony Barnes	DB	6'1"	180	Virginia Beach, VA
Andre Boone	RB	5'10"	190	Virginia Beach, VA
Curtis Brown	WR	5'11"	171	Belle Grade, FL
Dantley Cline	DL	6'2"	290	East Point, GA
Wayne Cobham	DB	6'2"	190	Pembroke Pines, FL
Delvin Davis	DB	6'0"	174	Pembroke Pines, FL
Sheldon Dennis	RB	6'2"	206	Lakeland, FL
Sean Hakes	QB	6'3"	200	Ft. Worth, TX
David Harvey	WR	5'11"	160	Penn Hills, PA
D.J. Henderson	WR	6'5"	205	Jacksonville, FL
Igor Iveljic	PK	5'11"	200	Mentor, OH
Mark Jackson	OL	6'6"	295	Columbus, OH
Amin Kabir	DB	6'1"	185	Warrensville, OH
Shawn Lemon	DL	6'2"	217	Waldorf, MD
Mitchell Magloire	LB	6'1"	217	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Tevlin Petit-Frere	DL	6'3"	210	Miami, FL
Aaris Reed	RB	5'7"	174	Waldorf, MD
Jason Sekinger	OL	6'9"	340	Columbus, OH
Blake Smith	DL	6'2"	224	Chicago, IL
Derron Smith	LB	6'1"	215	Pittsburgh, PA
John Stec	P	5'9"	180	Delray Beach, Fla.
Jerrel Stoudemire	DL	6'5"	295	Lake Wales, FL
Mike Ward	OL	6'3"	300	Fairfax, VA
Jacquian Williams	LB	6'2"	197	Tampa, FL
Corey Woods	OL	6'5"	255	Reading, PA

Andre Boone and Sheldon Dennis look to be the best candidates to line up in the Zips' backfield sometime soon. At wide receiver, Curtis Brown and D.J. Henderson come to Akron from Florida, while David Harvey is a Pennsylvania product. J.D. Brookhart thinks all three have the goods to excel in his West Coast offense. Akron might have landed a sleeper in junior college linebacker Mickey Baker, while place-kicker Igor Iveljic from the nearby Cleveland area was ranked among the top five kickers in the nation.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 7–6 (5–3 MAC)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	10	at Purdue	L	24–49	64,757
S.	17	at Middle Tenn.	W	17– 7	12,411
S.	24	No. Illinois	W	48–42	15,612
O.	1	Central Mich.	L	17–31	10,093
O.	8	at Buffalo	W	13– 7	8,279
O.	15	at Miami (OH)	L	23–51	14,312
O.	22	Army	L	0–20	12,203
O.	29	at Bowling Green	W	24–14	9,608
N.	5	at Ball State	L	17–23	10,401
N.	15	Ohio	W	27– 3	7,614
N.	24	Kent State	W	35– 3	8,942
D.	1	%No. Illinois	W	31–30	12,051
D.	26	#Memphis	L	31–38	50,616
		%MAC Championship			
		#Motor City Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	**Att.**	**Comp.**	**Yds.**	**TD**	**Int.**
Luke Getsy	**525**	**278**	**3,455**	**23**	**12**
John Ferguson	9	3	48	0	0
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Brett Biggs	284	1,230	4.3	10	
Dennis Kennedy	**45**	**131**	**2.9**	**1**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Domenik Hixon	75	1,210	16.1	8	
Brett Biggs	65	535	8.2	4	
Jason Montgomery	48	702	14.6	7	

Kicking: Jason Swiger, 14-20 FGs, 35-36 XPs, 77 points
Tackles: Jay Rohr, 121; **John Mackey, 95**
Sacks: **Jermaine Reid, 7**
Interceptions: **Dionte Henry, 2**

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast 103 | **MAC East Prediction 4th**

There wasn't too much excitement in Bowling Green when the Falcons took a share of the MAC East title last year. When you enter a season expecting to win the league title outright and have designs on a third-straight bowl game, a 6–5 record and a share of a division crown aren't reason for celebration.

Bowling Green faces a much tougher route to success in 2006, now that record-setting quarterback Omar Jacobs has bolted a year early for the NFL, leaving the Falcons cleaned out at the skill positions. Graduation also hit hard on the defensive side at linebacker and along the line. Fourth-year head coach Gregg Brandon thinks he's recruited well, and he's about to find out. "These kids haven't played a lot of football, I won't sugarcoat it," Brandon says of his recruits. "We really have to rebuild this whole team. There's a lot of uncertainty on both sides of the ball."

Quarterbacks Jacobs did it all for the Falcons, and when an injury knocked him out for three games in the middle of the 2005 season, Bowling Green's fortunes plummeted. Sophomore Anthony Turner, who got pressed into service prematurely filling in for Jacobs, now has to prove he can manage the complex spread offense. Redshirt freshmen Freddie Barnes and Tony Hunter will be on Turner's heels. "We don't have Omar anymore," Brandon says. "We know Omar can throw a lot of touchdown passes. We don't know that about our quarterbacks now."

Running Backs Junior Dan Macon, who redshirted last season, comes in as the designated successor in the one-back offense, where P.J. Pope and B.J. Lane were rugged and reliable over the past four seasons. Sophomore Bobby Thomas and redshirt freshman Chris Bullock are also in the mix behind Macon. "Macon's certainly doing everything he needs to do to be in the hunt for that job," Brandon says.

Receivers The speed and acrobatics on the outside are gone, and Bowling Green now relies on the sure hands of Corey Partridge. A sophomore who played a lot last season, Partridge will become the Falcons' first option in the passing game. Senior Ruben Ruiz and sophomore Marques Parks will likely line up at the other receiving positions, but the Falcons will call on senior Kenneth Brantley II and junior Matt Emans plenty in their four- and five-receiver sets.

Offensive Linemen The good news for the new quarterback is the return of some experienced bodies up front, led by a pair of returning all-conference players in junior Kory Lichtensteiger, who moved from guard to center, and senior guard Derrick Markray. Junior tackle Drew Nystrom is the third starter back from 2005, while John Lanning (moving from center to guard) and tackle Kevin Huelsman have had plenty of tutelage under offensive coordinator Greg Studrawa, who is regarded as the best O-line teacher in the MAC.

NUMBERS GAME

8 The Falcons missed eight extra points in 2005, giving them the worst conversion percentage in the league, by far, at 83.7 percent.

Defensive Linemen Sophomore end Diyral Briggs missed spring practice after breaking his foot on a winter fall on the ice, but he should join fourth-year starter Devon Parks framing the line when the season starts. Nick Davis, a third-year sophomore, is slated to go at nose guard, but if Matt Leininger returns after a year hiatus he could man the middle. Brad Williams is a returning starter at tackle.

"There are new bodies in there, and to be honest with you, there are guys that are faster, quicker, stronger than previous years," Parks says.

Brandon says that a couple of incoming freshmen will finally give him the bulk he covets up front, and he expects D.J. Young and Orlando Barrow to see plenty of live fire this season.

Linebackers The graduation losses are significant at linebacker, and Bowling Green desperately needs some new faces to step up. Senior Terrel White led the Eagles in tackles in 2005 and starts on the outside, while redshirt freshman Cody Basler looks like the pick in the middle. Sophomore Erique Dozier mans the other outside spot.

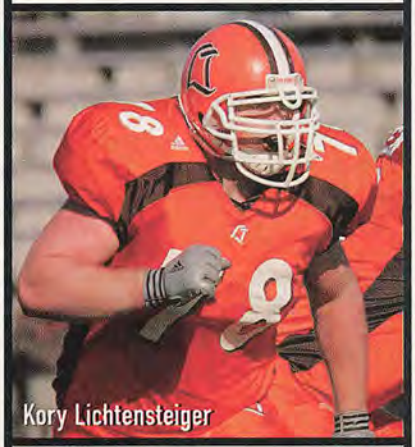
Defensive Backs The Falcons got some good news when junior safety Deaudre Perry rejoined the team after leaving the squad last season with three games to play to deal with a medical condition. Perry should be joined by junior Loren Hargrove, while sophomore cornerback Antonio Smith is back after tying for the national lead with two interception returns for scores last year. Sophomore Kenny Lewis plays the other corner.

Specialists Brandon might roll the dice and go with true freshmen at both kicker and punter, since he feels that strongly about a couple guys he recruited out of Florida. Punter Alonso Rojas from Miami and kicker Sean Ellis from Merritt Island arrive with the kind of leg strength the Falcons have been missing in recent seasons.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE FALCONS

The Falcons have been on a sustained roll, stringing together five straight winning seasons, first under Urban Meyer and most recently under Gregg Brandon, Meyer's offensive coordinator for his two seasons in Bowling Green. That five-year high came on the heels of six straight losing seasons that sent the program deep in the doldrums, and now Brandon faces a make or break kind of point. With Omar Jacobs' early departure for the pros, the Falcons are without an NFL quarterback to run their spread for the first time in five years. Anthony Turner is young and untested, and he didn't help his transition much with a marijuana arrest on campus on the eve of spring practice. The running backs and receivers are essentially new, complicating things further. Only a veteran offensive line gives Brandon much sleep at night. The holes are almost as numerous on the defensive side, and on special teams, where both the kicker and punter are green as can be. Strength up front can help mask a patched-together linebacker corps and a secondary with only a couple of proven playmakers. Brandon doesn't get a break from the schedule, either, since the Falcons have to face Wisconsin and Ohio State in first half of the season.



Kory Lichtensteiger

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	#Wisconsin	L
S.	9	Buffalo	W
S.	16	at Florida International	W
S.	23	Kent State	W
S.	**30**	**at Ohio**	*
O.	7	at Ohio State	L
O.	**14**	**Eastern Michigan**	*
O.	19	at Central Michigan	L
O.	28	at Temple	W
N.	4	at Akron	L
N.	15	Miami (Ohio)	L
N.	21	at Toledo	L
		#Cleveland, OH	

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

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2006 BOWLING GREEN ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
14 Barnes, Freddie	QB	6'2"	185	Fr.	Chicago Hts., IL
18 Hunter, Tony	QB	6'1"	205	Fr.	Coshocton, OH
17 Turner, Anthony	QB	6'2"	226	So.	Dayton, OH
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
33 Bullock, Chris	RB	5'11"	220	Fr.	Destrehan, LA
5 Macon, Dan	RB	6'1"	210	Jr.	Sagamore Hills, OH
39 Thomas, Bobby	RB	5'10"	200	So.	Warrensville Hts., OH
34 Van Demark, Curtis	RB	6'2"	215	So.	Brooklyn, NY
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
85 Boomer, Andre	TE	6'1"	217	So.	Warren, OH
19 Brantley II, Kenneth	WR	5'11"	194	Sr.	Shreveport, LA
84 Callier, William	WR	6'2"	198	Fr.	East Point, GA
37 Davis, Aaron	WR	6'2"	182	Fr.	Seffner, FL
81 Emans, Matt	WR	6'2"	191	Jr.	Bowling Green, OH
18 Hancock, Kollin	WR	6'0"	178	Fr.	Gahanna, OH
6 Jones, Brandon	WR	6'0"	171	Sr.	Gahanna, OH
82 Kennedy, Benjy	WR	6'1"	181	Jr.	Morris, IL
21 Magner, Rhett	WR	5'10"	165	Fr.	Palmer, AK
88 O'Drobinak, Sean	TE	6'4"	262	Jr.	Crown Point, IN
3 Parks, Marques	WR	5'11"	194	So.	McDonald, PA
1 Partridge, Corey	WR	5'11"	187	So.	Loveland, OH
80 Ruiz, Ruben	WR	6'4"	247	Sr.	Oro Valley, AZ
89 Scheidler, Jimmy	TE	6'4"	240	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
64 Albert, Scott	OL	6'7"	257	Fr.	Kenton, OH
60 Buckosh, Jarrett	OL	6'7"	254	Fr.	Elyria, OH
55 Curtis, Brandon	OL	6'2"	276	So.	Springfield, OH
74 Fink, Jeff	OL	6'5"	297	So.	Willoughby, OH
73 Huelsman, Kevin	OL	6'5"	284	Jr.	St. Henry, OH
76 Kent, Aaron	OL	6'6"	295	So.	Zanesville, OH
68 Lanning, John	OL	6'4"	285	Sr.	Alpharetta, GA
78 Lichtensteiger, Kory	OL	6'3"	305	Jr.	Van Wert, OH
61 Mahoney, Kevin	OL	6'6"	295	Fr.	Springfield, OH
70 Markray, Derrick	OL	6'5"	350	Sr.	Detroit, MI
71 Nystrom, Drew	OL	6'5"	304	Jr.	Crystal Lake, IL
77 Parkison, Anthony	OL	6'4"	285	Fr.	Springfield, OH
79 Pollard, Phillip	OL	6'3"	270	Fr.	Westerville, OH
72 Stanford, Andrew	OL	6'3"	308	Jr.	Toledo, OH
75 Steffy, Shane	OL	6'3"	290	Fr.	Oakmont, PA
65 Watson, Pat	OL	6'5"	297	Jr.	Naperville, IL
67 Williamson, Guy	OL	6'4"	300	Fr.	Mahomet, IL
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
99 Briggs, Diyral	DL	6'4"	216	So.	Mt. Healthy, OH
59 Davis, Nick	DL	6'3"	276	So.	Cincinnati, OH
66 Frericks, Trevor	DL	6'1"	255	Fr.	Quincy, IL
58 Hardwick, Jacob	DL	6'3"	260	Fr.	Virginia Beach, VA
91 Hartung, Garth	DL	6'1"	230	So.	Sandusky, OH
53 James, Thomas	DL	6'2"	255	Fr.	Goose Creek, SC
94 Leininger, Matt	DL	6'3"	279	Jr.	Liberty Center, OH
50 Mack, Brandon	DL	6'5"	257	Jr.	Webster, NY
98 Minturn, Brady	DL	6'4"	250	Fr.	Loveland, OH
57 Parks, Devon	DL	6'3"	252	Sr.	Libertyville, IL
90 Ream, Michael	DL	6'3"	235	Fr.	Bluffton, OH
40 Schaefer, Joe	DL	6'4"	246	So.	Parma Heights, OH
96 Smith II, Thomas	DL	6'0"	270	Sr.	Cleveland Heights, OH
46 Sprenkel, Donald	DL	6'2"	241	So.	Delray Beach, FL
92 Williams, Brad	DL	6'3"	256	Sr.	Middletown, OH
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
47 Baker, Adrian	LB	6'3"	216	So.	Maplewood, NJ
45 Basler, Cody	LB	6'3"	225	Fr.	Auburn, MI
54 Cutler, Kyle	LB	6'1"	225	Jr.	Plain City, OH
30 Dozier, Erique	LB	6'1"	198	So.	Akron, OH
10 Goodwin, Scott	LB	6'3"	227	So.	Mentor, OH
44 Haneline, John	LB	6'2"	223	So.	North Olmsted, OH
95 Jakubowski, Jon	LB	6'1"	221	Sr.	Rossford, OH
49 Lawrence, Nick	LB	6'3"	200	Fr.	Brighton, MI
8 Myles, Will	LB	5'11"	204	Sr.	Chicago, IL
35 Waldron, Nate	LB	5'11"	192	So.	Rochester, PA
52 Wells, Jarod	LB	6'1"	220	So.	N. Royalton, OH
48 White, Terrel	LB	5'10"	224	Sr.	Wooster, OH
11 Winovich, Pete	LB/FB	6'3"	234	Jr.	Jefferson Hills, PA
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
38 Colyer, Kevin	DB	5'10"	200	Fr.	N. Royalton, OH
9 Hargrove, Loren	DB	5'11"	204	Jr.	Berea, OH
7 Johnson, Van	DB	6'1"	196	Sr.	Union City, GA
16 Lewis, Kenny	DB	5'11"	185	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
42 Moody, Travis	DB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Eastpointe, MI
24 Perry, Deaudre	DB	6'1"	212	Jr.	River Rouge, MI
4 Sanderson, Jerrett	DB	6'0"	180	Fr.	Long Branch, NJ
41 Schwind, Josh	DB	5'7"	190	Fr.	Maumee, OH
2 Smith, Antonio	DB	5'10"	175	So.	Miami, FL
15 Wiley, Calvin	DB	5'11"	185	Fr.	Detroit, MI
27 Woods, Michael	DB	5'11"	190	Jr.	Columbus, OH
12 Wright, Chris	DB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Middletown, OH
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
32 Belany, Paul	K	6'0"	185	Fr.	Brookfield, OH
31 Dombrowski, Derek	K	5'10"	170	Fr.	Olmsted Falls, OH
87 Goss, Nick	K	6'0"	217	Fr.	Westerville, OH
43 Norse, Matthew	K	6'1"	195	Fr.	Parma, OH
36 Wright, Kyle	P	5'11"	185	Fr.	Pemberville, OH

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (5)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	3	Marques Parks	So.
WR	**80**	**Ruben Ruiz**	**Sr.**
WR	**1**	**Corey Partridge**	**So.**
LT	**71**	**Drew Nystrom**	**Jr.**
LG	68	John Lanning	Sr.
C	**78**	**Kory Lichtensteiger**	**Jr.**
RG	**70**	**Derrick Markray**	**Sr.**
RT	73	Kevin Huelsman	Jr.
TE	88	Sean O'Drobinak	Jr.
QB	17	Anthony Turner	So.
TB	5	Dan Macon	Jr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	81	Matt Emans	Jr.
WR	19	Kenneth Brantley II	Sr.
WR	6	Brandon Jones	Sr.
LT	74	Jeff Fink	So.
LG	75	Shane Steffy	Fr.
C	55	Brandon Curtis	So.
RG	65	Pat Watson	Jr.
RT	61	Kevin Mahoney	Fr.
TE	89	Jimmy Scheidler	Fr.
QB	14	Freddie Barnes	Fr.
TB	39	Bobby Thomas	So.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (5)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	99	Diyral Briggs	So.
NG	59	Nick Davis	So.
DT	**92**	**Brad Williams**	**Sr.**
DE	**57**	**Devon Parks**	**Sr.**
SLB	30	Erique Dozier	So.
MLB	45	Cody Basler	Fr.
WLB	**48**	**Terrel White**	**Sr.**
CB	**2**	**Antonio Smith**	**So.**
CB	16	Kenny Lewis	So.
SS	9	Loren Hargrove	Jr.
FS	**24**	**Deaudre Perry**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	58	Jacob Hardwick	Fr.
NG	94	Matt Leininger	Jr.
DT		D.J. Young	Fr.
DE		Orlando Barrow	Fr.
SLB	95	Jon Jakubowski	Sr.
MLB	44	John Haneline	So.
WLB	10	Scott Goodwin	So.
CB	7	Van Johnson	Sr.
CB	4	Jerrett Sanderson	Fr.
SS	15	Calvin Wiley	Fr.
FS	12	Chris Wright	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K		Sean Ellis	Fr.
P		Alonso Rojas	Fr.
KR	6	Brandon Jones	Sr.
PR	1	Corey Partridge	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Gregg Brandon
Record at School: 26–11 (3 years)
Career Record: 26–11 (3 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Greg Studrawa
Defensive Coordinator: John Lovett
Bowling Green, Ohio
Doyt Perry Stadium (23,000)

2006 SIGNEES

Orlando Barrow	DL	6'2"	268	Chesapeake, VA
Derek Brighton	WR	5'10"	180	Allen Park, MI
Jahmal Brown	DB	5'10"	185	Cleveland, OH
Vincent Corner	TB	5'9"	200	Springfield, OH
Michael Culberson-Fehling	DE	6'5"	230	Libertyville, IL
Kelvin Davis	WR	5'11"	170	Ocala, FL
Tyler Donahue	OL	6'6"	252	Naperville, IL
Sean Ellis	K	6'6"	189	Merritt Island, FL
Eugene Fells III	LB	6'1"	209	Palatka, FL
Anthony Glaud	QB	6'3"	216	Sicklerville, NJ
Brandon Jackson	LB	6'2"	220	Collierville, TN
Tarell Lewis	DB	5'10"	180	Redford, MI
Angelo Magnone	LB	6'3"	218	Steubenville, OH
P.J. Mahone	DB	5'11"	201	Elyria, OH
Calvin Marshall	DB	5'11"	175	Miramar, FL
Lewis Parks	TE	6'2"	225	Fayetteville, GA
Tyrone Pronty	WR	6'0"	182	Maple Heights, OH
Nick Rieke	TE	6'4"	220	Crystal Lake, IL
Alonso Rojas	P	6'3"	200	Miami, FL
Jerett Sanderson	DB	6'0"	180	Long Branch, NJ
Tyler Sheehan	QB	6'3"	210	Cincinnati, OH
Darius Smith	DE	6'2"	210	Euclid, OH
Carlos Tipton	DE	6'3"	209	Cincinnati, OH
D.J. Young	DT	6'5"	278	Lansing, MI

The Falcons got burned by inconsistency in the kicking game last season, and coach Gregg Brandon put on a recruiting blitz to find a quick fix. He landed Sean Ellis, a kicker from Florida who brings a promise of consistency and accuracy. The punting duties likely go to another true freshman, Alonso Rojas from Miami, an athletic 6'3", 200-pounder who averaged 46 yards per kick last year. Bowling Green led the MAC in punt return yardage and finished 18th nationally at 12.97 yards per game, but new players must fill those roles. Brandon also enhanced the speed on the defensive side, and Jahmal Brown and Tarell Lewis could work their way into the secondary early. Brandon also wanted run-stuffing bulk inside, and he is giddy over D.J. Young (6'5", 278) and Orlando Barrow (6'2", 268). After the way the Falcons struggled against the run last season, those two could get tossed in the mix immediately.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 6–5 (5–3 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 3	at Wisconsin	L	42–56	82,138
S. 10	at Ball State	W	40–31	17,460
S. 21	at Boise State	L	20–48	30,561
O. 1	Temple	W	70– 7	19,462
O. 8	Ohio	W	38–14	14,177
O. 15	at Buffalo	W	27– 7	6,436
O. 22	Western Michigan	L	14–45	13,959
O. 29	Akron	L	14–24	9,608
N. 5	at Kent State	W	24–14	6,357
N. 15	at Miami (Ohio)	W	42–14	5,749
N. 22	Toledo	L (2ot)	41–44	17,438

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Omar Jacobs	321	195	2,591	26	7
Anthony Turner	**85**	**52**	**492**	**2**	**4**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
B.J. Lane	139	677	4.9	10	
P.J. Pope	125	436	3.5	4	
Bobby Thomas	**42**	**183**	**4.4**	**0**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Charles Sharon	74	1,028	13.9	6	
Steve Sanders	56	855	15.3	14	

Kicking: Joe Timchenko, 4-6 FGs, 23-28 XPs, 35 points
Tackles: **Terrel White, 100;** Terrill Mayberry, 84
Sacks: Mike Thaler, 5.5
Interceptions: Jelani Jordan, 6

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast 117 | **MAC East Prediction 6th**

Turner Gill will try to accomplish what no coach has been able to do at Buffalo since 1996 — compile a winning record. Craig Cirbus and Jim Hofher failed to bring respectability to the program. Now Gill gets his shot, and he has somewhat of a track record. He nearly led Nebraska to a national title as a player in the early 1980s and won three national championships as an assistant to Tom Osborne in the '90s. Buffalo is not expecting the same results, however. The Bulls would be overjoyed with a 7–5 season.

"It puts a smile on my face, and I'm really excited about the opportunity," Gill says. "What makes it so exciting is our staff … they're going to bring some energy, they're going to challenge (the players), and they're going to love them."

The Bulls' schedule is the most difficult in the program's Division I-A history — with trips to Auburn, Boston College and Wisconsin, not to mention Mid-American Conference games at Bowling Green, Northern Illinois and reigning champ Akron.

Optimism generally surrounds a program with a new coach, but unless Gill has experience as a miracle worker, it will be yet another rocky year in Buffalo.

Quarterbacks The consensus during spring workouts was that the quarterbacks never looked better, which is promising because this has long been the program's weakest link. Sophomore Drew Willy, who started eight games last season, gets the nod heading into the fall, but seniors Stewart Sampsel and Tony Paoli and redshirt freshman James Starks are close behind. Starks is the most intriguing of the group because of his ability to make plays on the run, but he could be moved to tailback. Collectively, Buffalo quarterbacks threw just seven touchdowns and 15 interceptions in 2005.

Running Backs Senior Chris McDuffie missed all of last season with a quad injury but looked good in the spring and moved up to No. 1 on the depth chart. Steven King, last year's top rusher, got a look at fullback. There's also senior Jared Patterson, who has shown flashes at times, and sophomore Philip Warren, who, at 270 pounds, is one of the biggest tailbacks in the nation. But Warren sat out the spring for disciplinary reasons and may not be in the mix. Gone is the headache-inducing tailback-by-committee under Hofher. The starter will log 20-to-30 carries per game, which means Buffalo could have its first 1,000-yard rusher since 1996.

Receivers The top two leaders in receptions — sophomore Brett Hamlin and senior tight end Chad Upshaw — are back. Hamlin and Upshaw are both possession receivers, while senior Evan Wallace has the ability to stretch the defense, though he wasn't able to display it much in Hofher's sputtering offense. Ernest Jackson was the most improved wideout in the spring, and Gary Rice made a successful move from cornerback to receiver.

Offensive Linemen This unit lost three starters but returns junior center Jamey Richard, who already ranks high on Gill's list because of his leadership ability, and sophomore Jeff Niedermier. Of all the Bulls' problems the last several years, offensive line depth was not one of them, and that's the case in Gill's first year as well. Several true freshmen will get a chance to play immediately, but they may have to get in line behind players like Gerry Weissinger, Ray Norell and Jon Geddes.

NUMBERS GAME

7 Buffalo quarterbacks combined to throw just seven touchdowns during the 2005 season.

Defensive Linemen Yes, the Bulls have to replace the entire front four and several key backups, but there wasn't much there to begin with. The line recorded only 10 sacks and was poor at stopping the run. A more aggressive, ball-hawking scheme should produce better results. Trevor Scott's shift from tight end to defensive end should help, but all jobs up front are up for grabs.

"The defensive line will be a group that we want to see improvement from in every practice," Gill says.

Linebackers Until the front four and the secondary become seasoned, the linebackers will have to carry the defense. It starts with senior Ramon Guzman, a former safety who will make a case for all-league honors. Jeff Bublavi is back after starting 10 games last fall. The final spot will be contested by several players.

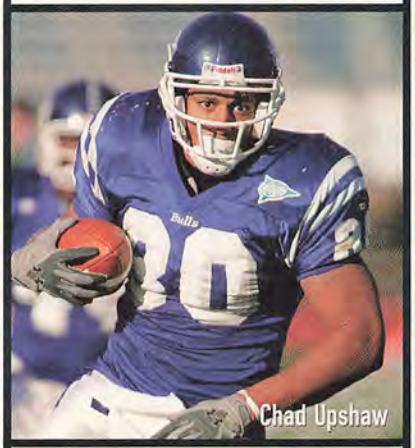
Defensive Backs There aren't as many questions here as the defensive line, but the secondary is young and won't resemble the group that finished ninth in the country in pass defense. Juniors Kareem Byrom and Jesse Imes are the starting safeties, while Kendric Hawkins and Mike Newton, both redshirt freshmen, emerged from spring atop the depth chart at cornerback.

Specialists The punting is in good shape with junior Ben Woods, who averaged 37.1 yards per punt. The Bulls, however, must find a kicker. Sophomore Gerry McGroarty, who made 2-of-5 field goals last year, is first in line.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE BULLS

The Bulls are trying to forget the past as they usher in a new football era at Buffalo after last year's disastrous 1–10 season. Gone is veteran coach Jim Hofher and his inert offense. Turner Gill takes over the reins. He brought in his own staff and installed a multiple, run-oriented offense with a smidgen of option. Gill also switched to a traditional 4-3 defense from the 4-2-5 set run by Hofher the last two seasons. With 12 starters returning, Gill is optimistic, but the former Nebraska assistant will have a difficult time changing the losing culture of the program. Sophomore Drew Willy, who can deliver the ball with zip, is the top contender at quarterback. Unlike Hofher, Gill won't use a running back-by-committee strategy and will settle on one from a cast that includes Chris McDuffie, Steven King and Jared Patterson. Several seniors, including the entire front four, are gone from the defense, and the unit figures to take a step backwards. Rangy, athletic senior Ramon Guzman moves from safety to linebacker where he should excel. He'll play alongside seniors Jeff Bublavi and Ollice Ervin to form a solid group, but there are question marks on the line and in the secondary.



Chad Upshaw

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	**31**	**Temple**	*
S.	9	at Bowling Green	L
S.	16	at Northern Illinois	L
S.	23	at Auburn	L
O.	7	Ball State	L
O.	14	Miami (Ohio)	L
O.	21	at Ohio	L
O.	28	at Boston College	L
N.	**4**	**Kent State**	*
N.	9	at Akron	L
N.	18	at Wisconsin	L
N.	24	Central Michigan	L

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Paul Hokanson

2006 BUFFALO ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
7 Paoli, Tony	QB	6'0"	232	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
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15 Sampsel, Stewart	QB	6'3"	182	Sr.	Howard, PA
19 Starks, James	QB	6'2"	206	Fr.	Niagara Falls, NY
16 Willy, Drew	QB	6'3"	213	So	Randolph, NJ
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
42 Cerminara, Joe	RB	5'8"	202	So.	Lewiston, NY
35 Ibekweh, Ekeh	RB	6'1"	254	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
9 King, Steven	RB	6'0"	209	Sr.	Hempstead, NY
22 Mccune, Da'Von	RB	5'10"	185	Fr.	Buffalo, NY
26 McDuffie, Chris	RB	5'10"	198	Sr.	Amherst, NY
36 Nduka, Ike	FB	5'11"	220	Fr.	White Plains, NY
5 Patterson, Jared	RB	6'1"	205	Sr.	Belvidere, NJ
32 Scharon, Chris	FB	6'2"	234	So.	Salem, NH
44 Warren, Philip	FB	6'1"	270	So.	Brunswick, ME
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
85 Beggs, Brad	WR	6'0"	180	So.	Clarion, PA
24 Breaux, Terrance	WR	6'2"	217	Jr.	Randallstown, MD
89 Hamlin, Brett	WR	6'1"	178	So.	Jupiter, FL
21 Jackson, Ernest	WR	6'2"	214	So.	Rochester, NY
81 Kisabeth, Bryan	TE	6'4"	220	So.	Plymouth, MI
84 Larmond, DeSean	WR	5'11"	172	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
82 Rack, Jesse	TE	6'3"	220	Fr.	Maspeth, NY
3 Rice, Gary	DB	5'9"	163	So.	Hamilton, OH
17 Reid, Dwayne	WR	6'0"	189	So.	Summit, NJ
80 Upshaw, Chad	TE	6'4"	246	Sr.	Southport, CT
83 Wallace, Evan	WR	5'9"	174	Sr.	Santa Clara, CA
86 Watson, Brian	WR	6'5"	232	Sr.	Elizabeth, NJ
45 Yealu, Robert	TE	6'3"	234	So.	Cedar Grove, NJ
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
76 Bacoulis, Matt	OL	6'3"	314	Fr.	Des Plaines, IL
67 Burgio, Jon	OL	6'9"	358	Jr.	Clarence, NY
69 Coughlin, Travis	OL	6'6"	307	Jr.	Royal Oak, MI
57 Geddes, Jon	OL	6'4"	328	So.	Colonie, NY
63 Johnson, Kevin	OL	6'4"	296	Fr.	Newton, NJ
79 Lauzze, Chris	OL	6'2"	301	So.	Pembroke, NY
65 Londono, Yariel	OL	6'1"	323	Sr.	Bronx, NY
59 Newell, Derek	OL	6'5"	322	Fr.	Trenton, NJ
75 Niedermier, Jeff	OL	6'3"	297	So.	New Washington, OH
70 Norell, Ray	OL	6'6"	292	So.	Monroe, CT
71 Richard, Jamey	OL	6'4"	301	Jr.	Weston, CT
78 Weissinger, Gerry	OL	6'5"	310	Sr.	Webster, NY
72 West, Andrew	OL	6'6"	308	Fr.	Croswell, MI
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
93 Abdo, Matt	DL	6'3"	276	So.	Fayetteville, NY
87 Abraham, Marck	DL	6'4"	280	Jr.	Deerfield Beach, FL
55 Hakanjin, Labinot	DL	6'0"	279	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
95 Hilaire, Ronald	DL	6-0"	293	So.	Laval, PQ
91 Judges, James	DL	6'6"	247	Jr.	Pickering, ON
94 Pointer, Frankie	DL	5'11"	303	Fr.	Detroit, MI
96 Rene, Ted	DL	6'0"	295	Sr.	Nyack, NY
92 Robinson, Dane	DL	6'2"	258	Fr.	Baltimore, MD
89 Scott, Trevor	DL	6'5"	254	Jr.	Potsdam, NY
97 Smith, Andrae	DL	6'4"	252	Jr.	Bloomfield, CT
60 Thompson, Mike	DL	6'1"	272	So.	Seffner, FL
66 Torres, James	DL	6'1"	247	Jr.	New York, NY
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
58 Bublavi, Jeff	LB	5'10"	194	Sr.	Norwood, PA
48 Callahan, Chris	LB	6'3"	238	So.	Webster, NY
4 Chisam, Jamal	LB	5'11"	203	So.	Glendale, MD
52 Drewes, Tom	LB	6'1"	236	Fr.	Dunmore, PA
99 Eagan, Josh	LB	6'1"	232	Fr.	Lewiston, NY
39 Ervin, Ollice	LB	6'1"	230	Jr.	Vero Beach, FL
2 Guzman, Ramon	LB	6'2"	233	Sr.	Bronx, NY
33 Haymore, LaRon	LB	5'11"	238	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
47 Robertson, Todd	LB	6'1"	226	Jr.	Amherst, NY
34 Vann, James	LB	6'1"	215	Sr.	Downington, PA
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
20 Byrom, Kareem	DB	5'10"	200	Jr.	New Brunswick, NJ
12 Corradino, Tom	DB	5'7"	180	So.	Washington, DC
11 Evans, Andre	DB	5'10"	171	So	Cleveland, OH
25 Griffin, Shane	DB	6'3"	206	Fr.	Lancaster, NY
40 Hawkins, Kendric	DB	5'10"	181	Fr.	Upper Marlboro, MD
28 Henry, Mario	DB	5'9"	202	So.	Erie, PA
14 Imes, Jesse	DB	5'10"	202	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
13 Jackson, Gerald	DB	5'11"	176	So.	Alexandria, VA
30 Newton, Mike	DB	5'10"	196	Fr.	Pasadena, MD
27 Olubummo, Olubenga	DB	6'0"	192	Fr.	Bronx, NY
23 Pierre, Alex	DB	6'1"	192	Fr.	Hackensack, NJ
29 Sears, Ronald	DB	6'0"	184	Jr.	New York, NY
38 West, Lucas	DB	5'9"	209	Fr.	Syracuse, NY
31 Williams, Brevon	DB	5'11"	206	Fr.	Hartford, CT
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
54 Goss, James	LS	5'9"	226	Jr.	Syracuse, NY
10 McGroarty, Gerry	P/K	6'2"	208	So.	Wilkes-Barre, PA
98 Tanalski, Adam	K	5'9"	195	Sr.	Bellerose Village, NY
8 Woods, Ben	P/K	6'2"	207	Jr.	Hermitage, PA

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**89**	**Brett Hamlin**	**So.**
WR	**83**	**Evan Wallace**	**Sr.**
LT	70	Ray Norell	So.
LG	57	Jon Geddes	So.
C	**71**	**Jamey Richard**	**Jr.**
RG	**75**	**Jeff Niedermier**	**So.**
RT	78	Gerry Weissinger	Sr.
TE	**80**	**Chad Upshaw**	**Sr.**
QB	**16**	**Drew Willy**	**So.**
FB	**9**	**Steven King**	**Sr.**
RB	26	Chris McDuffie	Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	3	Gary Rice	So.
WR	21	Ernest Jackson	So.
LT	59	Derek Newell	Fr.
LG	72	Andrew West	Fr.
C	79	Chris Lauzze	So.
RG	76	Matt Bacoulis	Fr.
RT	67	Jon Burgio	Jr.
TE	82	Jessie Rack	Fr.
QB	19	James Starks	Fr.
FB	36	Ike Nduka	Fr.
RB	5	Jared Patterson	Sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (5)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	92	Dane Robinson	Fr.
DT	87	Marck Abraham	Jr.
DT	55	Labinot Hakanjin	Jr.
DE	89	Trevor Scott	Jr.
LB	**2**	**Ramon Guzman**	**Sr.**
LB	39	Ollice Ervin	Jr.
LB	**58**	**Jeff Bublavi**	**Sr.**
CB	40	Kendric Hawkins	Fr.
CB	30	Mike Newton	Fr.
FS	**14**	**Jesse Imes**	**Jr.**
SS	**20**	**Kareem Byrom**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	97	Andrae Smith	Jr.
DT	95	Ronald Hilaire	So.
DT	96	Ted Rene	Sr.
DE	91	James Judges	Jr.
LB	48	Chris Callahan	So.
LB	52	Tom Drewes	Fr.
LB	4	Jamal Chisam	So.
CB	**13**	**Gerald Jackson**	**So.**
CB	11	Andre Evans	So.
FS	29	Ronald Sears	Jr.
SS	28	Mario Henry	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	10	Gerry McGroarty	So.
P	8	Ben Woods	Jr.
KR	3	Gary Rice	So.
PR	19	James Starks	Fr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Turner Gill
Record at School: First Season
Career Record: First Season
Offensive Coordinator: Gerald Carr
Defensive Coordinator: Jimmy Williams
Buffalo, N.Y.
UB Stadium (29,013)

2006 SIGNEES

Peter Bittner	OL	6'4"	289	Williamsville, NY
Kyle Brey	TE	6'2"	250	Granger, IN
Tom Drewes	LB	6'1"	242	Dunmore, PA
Richard Ferere	LB	6'1"	205	Brooklyn, NY
Brandon Flanagan	OL	6'2"	299	North Reading, MA
Skyler Hagg	WR	5'11"	185	Glendale, AZ
Lewis Hird	OL	6'2"	286	Bronx, NY
Jordan Jerrold	OL	6'8"	285	Fairless Hills, PA
Brian Kelly	OL/LS	6'6"	305	Richmond, VA
Bruno LaPointe	DL	6'5"	255	Lennoxville, QB
Sherrod Lott	DB	5'10"	170	Plant City, FL
Anel Montanez	DL	6'0"	285	Trumbull, CT
Keon Perry	CB	5'9"	170	Brunswick, GA
Patrick Pinson	LB	6'1"	244	Melrose Park, IL
Solomon Richberg	OL	6'4"	299	Queens, NY
Naaman Roosevelt	QB	6'0"	185	Buffalo, NY
Brandon Thermilus	RB	5'11"	210	Flower Mound, TX
Zack Williams	DL	6'3"	255	Erie, PA

Turner Gill had only a matter of weeks to piece together his first recruiting class, but his 18-man haul was still the program's best in seven years. Buffalo St. Joe's Naaman Roosevelt will get an opportunity to play right away at quarterback, but he could be moved to safety. The 6'0", 185-pound Roosevelt joins 6'4", 289-pound offensive lineman Peter Bittner from Williamsville North as the only players the Bulls signed from western New York. Buffalo also landed 6'6", 305-pound offensive lineman Brian Kelly, the nephew of former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly, and 6'1", 242-pound middle linebacker Tom Drewes from Dunmore, Pa. Scouts also are high on Brandon Flanagan, an offensive lineman from North Reading, Mass., and defensive lineman Zack Williams from Erie, Pa., who was recruited by Syracuse, Cincinnati and Akron. But the sleeper could be Jordan Jerrold, an offensive tackle from Fairless Hills, Pa.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 1–10 (1–7 MAC)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	1	at Connecticut	L	0–38	40,000
S.	10	at Syracuse	L	0–31	34,442
S.	17	Rutgers	L	3–17	17,620
O.	1	at Western Michigan	L	21–31	14,198
O.	8	Akron	L	7–13	8,279
O.	15	Bowling Green	L	7–27	6,436
O.	22	at Toledo	L	15–38	23,904
O.	29	Ohio	L	20–34	5,814
N.	5	at Miami (Ohio)	L	13–54	20,023
N.	12	at Kent State	W	10– 6	3,151
N.	19	Eastern Michigan	L	14–38	6,423

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Drew Willy	**246**	**149**	**1,481**	**6**	**12**
Stewart Sampsel	**61**	**25**	**210**	**0**	**2**
Tony Paoli	**23**	**17**	**185**	**1**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Steven King	**136**	**532**	**3.9**	**3**	
Jared Patterson	**90**	**374**	**4.2**	**2**	
Philip Warren	**58**	**239**	**4.1**	**2**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Brett Hamlin	**38**	**371**	**9.8**	**0**	
Chad Upshaw	**37**	**359**	**9.7**	**3**	

Kicking: Michael Baker, 2-8 FGs, 12-13 XPs, 18 points
Tackles: **Kareem Byrom, 85;** Bryan Cummings, 73
Sacks: Aaron Sanders, 6.5
Interceptions: **Kareem Byrom, 3**

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast 114 | **MAC East Prediction 5th**

The Kent State Golden Flashes were one of four teams in the nation that failed to defeat another Division I-A opponent last season. The 2005 campaign was not a total loss, however. Coach Doug Martin's club was more competitive than its 1–10 record suggests — the Flashes lost four games by seven points or less — and the team developed some much-needed depth due to a rash of injuries.

The rushing attack, which averaged a paltry 45.9 yards per game, will receive a boost from Michigan State transfer Tony Howard, while quarterback Michael Machen should be much improved in his second season out of junior college. In addition to Machen, seven other starters return from an offense that played better in '05 than its anemic stats would indicate.

Kent State will host its first-ever Big Ten foe, as Minnesota visits Dix Stadium to open the season. Games with Virginia Tech and divisional cross-over Toledo will also present challenges, but playing Army, Temple and Buffalo will offer the Golden Flashes a chance to increase their win total in 2006.

Quarterbacks Machen, a former minor league baseball player who made a stop at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College, struggled through an inconsistent season last year. He has the arm strength to be successful but needs to cut down on turnovers. Machen passed for more than 2,000 yards but was intercepted 18 times.

Anthony Magazu has established himself as the clear No. 2 quarterback, while Jon Brown, a part-time starter last year, will redshirt in 2006. Julian Edelman is an athletic junior college transfer who will compete for the backup role in August.

Running Backs There is no sugar-coating Kent State's rushing woes last season; the Golden Flashes ranked dead last in the country in rushing offense. A string of injuries forced Martin to send out some freshmen who clearly weren't ready to play. This year, the Golden Flashes have significantly upgraded their talent at running back. Howard adds decent size (5'10", 200) and speed and is expected to be the starter. Eugene Jarvis will be in the mix as well.

"Both of these guys are difference makers," Martin says. "We have not had this sort of running talent since I've been here."

Receivers There is depth and talent in the receiving corps — led by Najah Pruden, Marcus Hill and Cameron Bobb. This trio combined for 115.5 receiving yards per game last year, and the coaching staff expects even more in 2006. "Without a doubt, we have added speed and depth within our receiving unit," says Martin. "Pruden is our best threat, Hill is our possession guy, while (Luke) Tillman is just plain fast." Former quarterback Tom Sitko is the tight end and has all-conference potential.

Offensive Linemen Developing the offensive line was one of the primary focuses in the offseason. New position coach Terry Tilghman will be working with what should be an improved group of blockers.

"We finally have some size and depth up front to be effective," Martin says.

Craig Rafdal, Joe Marafine, Michael Galassi and Kiff Kinkead return as starters, but the coaching staff believes sophomore left tackle Augustus Parrish may be the best of the bunch.

NUMBERS GAME

14 Kent State played 14 true freshman last season and had 12 other players make their Division I debut in 2005.

Defensive Linemen End Danny Muir, a second-team All-MAC pick last year, is the leader of the defensive front. Colin Ferrell provides experience on the other side, and Pittsburgh transfer Damian Matuschek could be the X-factor, providing immediate talent and depth to this position. Anthony Dugarte and Larry Brown alternate at nose tackle in the Flashes' 3-4 scheme, and this duo must help KSU improve a rush defense that gave up over 200 yards per game on the ground last season.

Linebackers Justin Parrish, the team's leading tackler, and Jon Sessler have graduated, leaving a huge void at the two inside linebackers spots. The coaching staff is looking for sophomores David Filippi, Jameson Konz and Stevon Moss to step up this fall. Highly regarded true freshmen Quinton Rainey and Anthony Mirando will have an opportunity to play right away.

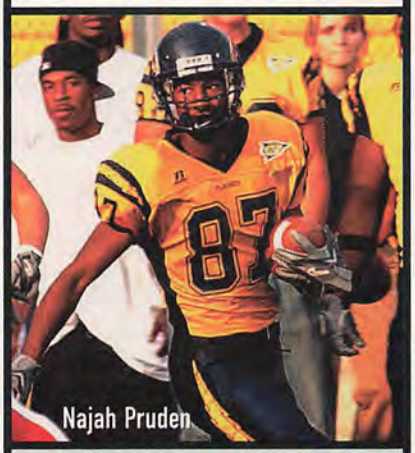
Defensive Backs The entire starting defensive backfield returns, led by safety Fritz Jacques, the team's best hitter. Jack Williams is a solid cover corner, while Usama Young, Andre Kirkland and Rico Murray are proven players. Greg Keys, a starter at running back last season, moves over to free safety.

Specialists Reid Macko will handle the punting and some placekicking, while true freshman Nate Reed will handle kickoffs. Eugene Jarvis and Shawn Bayes will return punts, while Bayes and Shawn Lewis will return kickoffs.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE GOLDEN FLASHES

Kent State took a step backwards, winning just one game last season after winning five in 2004. A dropoff was expected after all-everything Joshua Cribbs, who accounted for nearly 75 percent of the offense, graduated and moved on to the Cleveland Browns. However, Doug Martin's third year should be much better, with running back Tony Howard, a Michigan State transfer, providing a rare big-time talent to a program of limited tradition. Quarterback Michael Machen has a year of starting experience under his belt and should be more comfortable with a system that features perimeter playmakers such as Najah Pruden and Marcus Hill. The key to success will be the development of the offensive line, which finally seems to have some depth, legitimate Division I-A size and continuity. Defensively, there is a huge void at inside linebacker with the graduation of Justin Parrish and Jon Sessler. How quickly their replacements develop will determine how effective the defense will be, especially against the run. Kent State has young and unproven kickers. Considering that this team has lost nine games by 10 points or less over the past two seasons, that inexperience may prove to be the difference in a couple of games this fall.



Najah Pruden

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	31	Minnesota	L
S.	9	at Army	L
S.	16	at Miami (Ohio)	L
S.	23	at Bowling Green	L
S.	30	Akron	L
O.	**7**	**at Temple**	*
O.	14	Toledo	L
O.	28	Ohio	L
N.	**4**	**at Buffalo**	*
N.	11	at Virginia Tech	L
N.	18	Eastern Michigan	L
N.	24	at Ball State	L

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Tom Cammett

2006 KENT STATE ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
5 Brown, Jon	QB	5'10"	189	So.	Westlake, OH
7 Machen, Michael	QB	6'6"	235	Jr.	Mobile, AL
12 Magazu, Anthony	QB	6'3"	185	Fr.	Matthews, NC
2 Pastore, Anthony	QB	6'2"	199	Fr.	Woodstock, GA
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
22 Drager, Jon	RB	6'0"	196	Jr.	Jefferson Hills, PA
28 Flowers, Jerry	RB	5'8"	180	So.	Decatur, GA
1 Howard, Tony	RB	5'10"	200	So.	Garfield Heights, OH
6 Jarvis, Eugene	RB	5'5"	158	Fr.	Pittsburgh, PA
10 Jenkins, Linwood	RB	6'1"	182	So.	Newport News, VA
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
85 Bayes, Shawn	WR	5'10"	181	So.	Memphis, TN
80 Bell, Brian	WR	6'2"	214	Sr.	Kettering, MD
81 Bobb, Cameron	WR	6'5"	198	Jr.	Ashtabula, OH
82 Durante, Dan	TE	6'4"	274	Jr.	Brunswick, OH
4 Hill, Marcus	WR	6'2"	211	Sr.	Washington, DC
47 Hurt, Guy	TE	6'0"	219	So.	McKeesport, PA
88 Lewis, Shawn	WR	5'8"	162	So.	South Fork, PA
83 Lynn, Coleman	WR	5'7"	147	Fr.	Hapeville, GA
25 Muldrow, Leneric	WR	5'8"	170	Fr.	Greenville, NC
45 Parsons, Jake	TE	6'6"	239	Jr.	Gulph Mills, PA
20 Pittman, Dennis	WR	5'9"	187	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
87 Pruden, Najah	WR	6'3"	185	Sr.	Burlington, NJ
8 Sitko, Tom	TE	6'3"	248	Jr.	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
31 Smith, Tony	WR	6'1"	190	So.	Streetsboro, OH
13 Tillman, Luke	HB	6'1"	213	Sr.	Elyria, OH
16 Woodson, Mark	WR	5'11"	162	So.	Shaker Heights, OH
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
75 Aderhold, Justin	OL	6'3"	275	Jr.	Washington, DC
72 Campbell, Dante	OL	6'0"	280	Fr.	Warren, OH
61 Donaldson, Shawn	OL	6'4"	300	Jr.	Dover, OH
76 English, Jon	OL	6'3"	290	Sr.	Ashland, OH
64 Galassi, Michael	OL	6'4"	305	Sr.	Strongsville, OH
77 Hutchinson, Mitch	OL	6'5"	265	Jr.	Kent, OH
62 Kinkead, Kiff	OL	6'2"	300	Jr.	Warren, OH
65 Marafine, Joe	OL	6'4"	305	Jr.	Cambridge Springs, PA
66 McGraw, Travis	OL	6'5"	320	Jr.	Silver Spring, MD
59 Memel, Dalton	OL	6'2"	295	So.	Washington, WV
56 Parrish, Augustus	OL	6'7"	315	So.	Temple Hills, MD
70 Perry, Joshua	OL	6'2"	285	So.	Monroeville, OH
71 Rafdal, Craig	OL	6'4"	305	Sr.	Beavercreek, OH
69 Robinson, Randy	OL	6'3"	285	Jr.	LaPlata, MD
50 Starry, Bill	OL	5'11"	280	Jr.	McKeesport, PA
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
91 Brown, Larry	DL	6'1"	308	Sr.	Washington, DC
93 Dugarte, Anthony	DL	6'2"	256	Jr.	Euclid, OH
55 Ferrell, Colin	DL	6'0"	283	Jr.	Hamilton, NJ
74 Frist, Sam	DL	6'4"	258	Fr.	Southern Pines, NC
95 Koonce, Prishod	DL	6'3"	266	So.	Chester, PA
97 Latimer, Justin	DL	6'1"	262	Jr.	Apopka, FL
53 Matuschek, Damian	DL	6'3"	261	Jr.	Penn Hills, PA
5 Muir, Daniel	DL	6'2"	285	Sr.	Lanham, MD
63 Novak, Austin	DL	6'2"	238	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA
84 Troutman, Lester	DL	6'2"	207	Fr.	Dayton, OH
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
30 Burrell, Derrek	LB	6'2"	240	So.	Richmond, VA
35 Crivella, Joe	LB	6'0"	220	Sr.	Arlington, VA
52 Filippi, David	LB	6'3"	236	So.	Dover, OH
46 Jayjack, Andy	LB	6'1"	218	Fr.	Brecksville, OH
54 Maxwell, Cedrick	LB	5'10"	223	So.	Tampa, FL
44 Moss, Stevon	LB	5'11"	230	So.	Hampton, VA
7 Rice, Bruce	LB	6'1"	230	Sr.	Columbus, OH
90 Whittaker, Allen	LB	6'3"	215	Fr.	Forestville, MD
36 Williams, Bryant	LB	5'11"	236	Jr.	Garfield Heights, OH
42 Williams, Jarvis	LB	6'1"	208	Fr.	Stafford, VA
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
3 Cheatham, Terrell	DB	5'10"	176	Sr.	Akron, OH
24 Drakeford, Barry	DB	5'9"	186	Sr.	Virginia Beach, VA
23 Ham, Gary	DB	5'9"	192	Sr.	Staten Island, NY
11 Jacques, Fritz	DB	5'11"	176	Jr.	Naples, FL
34 Keys, Greg	DB	6'1"	201	So.	Sandusky, OH
27 Kirkland, Andre	DB	6'1"	200	Sr.	Upper Marlboro, MD
26 Konz, Jameson	DB	6'3"	207	So.	Uniontown, OH
43 McBryde, Derek	DB	5'11"	181	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
29 Murray, Rico	DB	6'0"	181	So.	Cincinnati, OH
38 Sadler, Danny	DB	5'10"	174	So.	Maple Heights, OH
2 Williams, Jack	DB	5'9"	176	Jr.	Norfolk, VA
18 Young, Usama	DB	6'0"	189	Sr.	Largo, MD
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
41 Cantu, Jim	K	6'0"	184	Sr.	Lorain, OH
14 Macko, Reid	K	5'9"	166	So.	Bradon, FL
60 Muller, Matt	LS	6'2"	244	Jr.	Sylvania, OH
68 Wales, Derek	LS	6'2"	220	Fr.	West Portsmouth, OH

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (8)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**87**	**Najah Pruden**	**Sr.**
WR	85	Shawn Bayes	So.
LT	56	Augustus Parrish	So.
LG	**64**	**Michael Galassi**	**Sr.**
C	70	Josh Perry	So.
RG	**71**	**Craig Rafdal**	**Sr.**
RT	**65**	**Joe Marafine**	**Jr.**
TE	8	Tom Sitko	Jr.
WR	4	Marcus Hill	Sr.
QB	**7**	**Michael Machen**	**Jr.**
RB	1	Tony Howard	So.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**81**	**Cameron Bobb**	**Jr.**
WR	16	Mark Woodson	So.
LT	61	Shawn Donaldson	Jr.
LG	**62**	**Kiff Kinkead**	**Jr.**
C	50	Bill Starry	Jr.
RG	66	Travis McGraw	Jr.
RT	76	Jon English	Sr.
TE	45	Jake Parsons	Jr.
WR	13	Luke Tillman	Sr.
QB	12	Anthony Magazu	Fr.
RB	**28**	**Jerry Flowers**	**So.**

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (9)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**5**	**Danny Muir**	**Sr.**
NT	93	Anthony Dugarte	Jr.
DT	**55**	**Colin Ferrell**	**Jr.**
SLB	26	Jameson Konz	So.
MLB	**44**	**Stevon Moss**	**So.**
WLB	54	Cedrick Maxwell	So.
BLB	52	David Filippi	So.
CB	**2**	**Jack Williams**	**Jr.**
CB	**18**	**Usama Young**	**Sr.**
SS	**11**	**Fritz Jacques**	**Jr.**
FS	**27**	**Andre Kirkland**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	63	Austin Novak	Sr.
NT	91	Larry Brown	Sr.
DT	53	Damian Matuschek	Jr.
SLB	84	Lester Troutman	Fr.
MLB		Quinton Rainey	Fr.
WLB	30	Derrek Burrell	So.
BLB	**7**	**Bruce Rice**	**Sr.**
CB	38	Danny Sadler	So.
CB	3	Terrell Cheatham	Sr.
SS	**29**	**Rico Murray**	**So.**
FS	34	Greg Keys	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	14	Reid Macko	So.
P	14	Reid Macko	So.
KR	85	Shawn Bayes	So.
PR	85	Shawn Bayes	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Doug Martin
Record at School: 6–16 (2 years)
Career Record: 6–16 (2 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Doug Martin
Defensive Coordinator: Pete Rekstis
Kent, Ohio
Dix Stadium (27,000)

2006 SIGNEES

Kirk Belgrave	DB	6'1"	190	Norfolk, VA
Ja'Darrin Bell	S	6'1"	185	Ellenwood, GA
Curtis Eaton	S	6'1"	180	Akron, OH
Julian Edelman	QB	6'0"	195	Redwood City, CA
Phil Garner	WR	5'11"	175	Coral Springs, FL
Dan Hartman	S	6'2"	200	Leavittsburg, OH
Christen Haywood	RB	5'8"	195	Columbus, OH
Kevin Hogan	DL	6'3"	210	Chardon, OH
Tony Howard	RB	5'10"	210	Garfield Heights, OH
Jake Kilroy	P	5'10"	215	Millersburg, OH
Brian Lainhart	S	6'1"	185	Cincinnati, OH
Anthony Mirando	LB	6'2"	230	Jefferson, OH
Leneric Muldrow	WR	5'8"	170	Greenville, NC
Quinton Rainey	LB	5'10"	230	Virginia Beach, VA
Nate Reed	K/P	5'9"	170	Wadsworth, OH
Pat Reedy	OL	6'4"	265	Youngstown, OH
Darren Rogers	QB	6'0"	190	Ambridge, PA

Finding some playmakers at the skill positions and increasing overall team speed were the main focus of this class — a group that includes just two players slated for the trenches. Christen Haywood, a top 10 running back in Ohio, rushed for 1,684 yards and scored 15 touchdowns as a senior, and he totaled 61 scores during his prep career. The staff is excited about a trio of defensive backs — Kirk Belgrave, who drew interest from several ACC schools, Brian Lainhart, who played for national power Colerain High School in Cincinnati, and Ja'Darrin Bell, a speedster who got a look from Arkansas. The Golden Flashes also added two highly recruited linebacker prospects — Quinton Rainey, who picked KSU over Maryland and Marshall, and Anthony Mirando, a local product who received offers from Colorado State and Air Force. Nathan Reed and Jake Kilroy are much-needed kicking specialists.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 1–10 (0–8 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 3	at Michigan State	L	14–49	73,949
S. 10	SE Missouri State	W	33–12	6,228
S. 17	Miami (Ohio)	L	10–27	14,002
S. 24	at Ohio	L	32–35	16,721
O. 1	at Eastern Michigan	L	20–27	6,294
O. 15	at Navy	L	31–34	30,316
O. 22	Northern Illinois	L	3–34	3,554
O. 29	at Western Michigan	L	14–44	14,168
N. 5	Bowling Green	L	14–24	6,357
N. 12	Buffalo	L	6–10	3,151
N. 24	at Akron	L	3–35	8,942

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Michael Machen	365	200	2,078	11	18
Jon Brown	97	60	474	2	4
Rushing	**Att.**		**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**
Jerry Flowers	96		304	3.2	3
Linwood Jenkins	32		95	3.0	0
Luke Tillman	25		90	3.6	1
Receiving	**Rec.**		**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**
Derrick Bush	39		388	9.9	4
Najah Pruden	33		688	20.8	5

Kicking: Travis Mayle, 8-11 FGs, 20-21 XPs, 44 points
Tackles: Justin Parrish, 96; Jon Sessler, 81
Sacks: Justin Parrish, 8.5
Interceptions: Jack Williams, 4

Returning Players in Bold

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Game programs will be as hot as best-sellers at Yager Stadium this fall as fans try to figure out who's playing for Miami. The RedHawks lost 19 seniors from last year's team. They include two-year starting quarterback Josh Betts, career receiving leader Martin Nance, three starters on the offensive line, all five players who started at the three linebacker positions, three of the four defensive backfield starters and the placekicker. The competition for starting jobs at spring camp tested Miami's depth and second-year coach Shane Montgomery's recruiting.

Quarterbacks Pittsburgh Steelers star Ben Roethlisberger wasn't even on campus the last time the job was this wide open. Fourth-year junior Mike Kokal was No. 1 on the spring depth chart, but he was not a definitive leader over lanky sophomore Jared Elliott and redshirt freshman Daniel Raudabaugh. Raudabaugh might have the strongest arm of the three hopefuls, especially since Elliott is coming off shoulder surgery that cost him the majority of the 2005 season. Kokal's 12 career games represent the combined experience of all three players.

Running backs Junior Brandon Murphy returns after earning second-team all-conference honors last season. The diminutive (5'8") Murphy also was Miami's fourth-leading receiver, which helps him avoid wear-and-tear between the tackles. Senior Jimmy Murray is Murphy's primary backup after moving from defensive back before last season. Senior Matt Vogele, a former linebacker and tight end, hopes to cash in on Miami's increased emphasis on using the fullback.

Receivers Senior speedster Ryne Robinson should replace the graduated Nance as Miami's go-to receiver. Robinson missed spring practice while playing baseball, costing himself a chance to work with the RedHawks' new quarterbacks. He is the nation's active leader with 1,501 yards and six touchdowns on punt returns. Senior Josh Williams, the interior wide receiver, averaged 17.0 yards per catch last season. Seniors R.J. Corbin and Ryan Busing also have seen extensive time over the last three years. Tom Crabtree has the athleticism to make the tight end more of a threat in Miami's passing attack.

Offensive linemen Senior center Steve Kosky, a converted tight end, gets first crack at replacing Todd Londot, who made 43 consecutive starts. Junior right tackle Charlie Norden returns for his third season of starting, and sophomore left guard Steve Meister is back for his second season. Two of Meister's classmates, tackle Dave DiFranco and guard Matt McKeown, should fill the remaining two slots.

Defensive linemen Sophomore Joe Coniglio was switched from linebacker to end and leapfrogged over junior Tranaine Sills, a pass-rushing specialist who was redshirted last season. Coniglio will be paired with returning starter Craig Mester, who led Miami with 5.5 sacks last season. True freshman Jordan Stevens will be hard to ignore. The 245-pound Stevens has run an 11.7-second 100-meter dash. Junior Otto Linwood and senior Seth Painter are the frontrunners to start at the tackle positions.

NUMBERS GAME

139 Miami's top three candidates to replace Josh Betts at quarterback have combined to throw for 139 yards. They all belong to fourth-year junior Mike Kokal.

Linebackers Senior Dontae Wright has no career starts, but he is the only returning outside linebacker with significant experience. Junior Clayton Mullins was limited by injuries to six games last season, still more time than the rest of the candidates for the other outside spot. Sophomore middle linebacker Joe Hudson graduated from high school in time to join Miami for the 2005 spring session. He parlayed that experience into playing in all 11 games last season and should anchor the defense for the next three seasons.

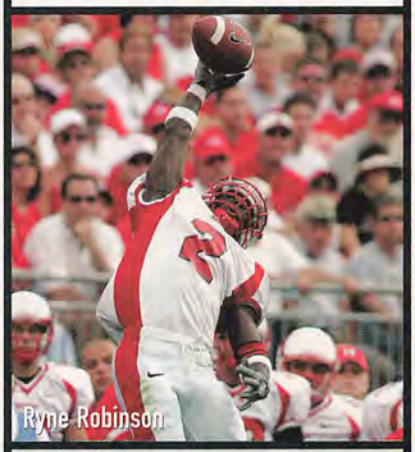
Defensive backs Free safety Joey Card is the only returning starter. The fifth-year senior was second on the team with 67 tackles last season. Fifth-year senior Frank Wiwo's five starts and team-leading four interceptions last season give him the edge to start at one corner. Sophomore Bryan Roland, redshirt freshman Jeff Thompson and junior Jerrid Gaines all will see time at the other corner slot. Robbie Wilson runs a 4.4 40, giving him an edge over Sean Kavanagh at strong safety.

Specialists Sophomore Nathan Parseghian, a great-grandnephew of Ara Parseghian, hopes to follow in the footsteps of his brother, Jared, who holds the school's career records with 154 extra points and an .800 field-goal percentage. True freshman Trevor Cook could be called on to handle longer attempts and kickoffs. Punter Jacob Richardson and holder Kyle Decker return for their second seasons as starters.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE REDHAWKS

Miami has ranked in the top three in the MAC in rushing defense in each of the past three seasons, and last year the confident, aggressive RedHawks ranked among the nation's top 10 in both interceptions and fumble recoveries. But with 10 of their top 11 tacklers gone, the RedHawks might find it difficult to maintain that type of production. A more youthful unit might not be as effective at stopping the run or confident enough to pursue the ball as aggressively. Compounding the challenges facing the RedHawks is their inexperience at quarterback. Miami is deep in wide receivers, and Brandon Murphy has proven himself to be a dependable running back, but if the RedHawks can't prove that they can throw the ball effectively, opponents are going to fill the box and make it difficult to get the running game in gear. Miami's willingness to play anybody anywhere at any time — as long as it was on national TV — stemmed in part from an interest in widening its recruiting look. Now is the time for that approach to pay off. The RedHawks need the talent they've coaxed to Oxford over the past three seasons to show up on the field — and quickly.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2006 SCHEDULE

A.	**31**	**Northwestern**	*
S.	9	at Purdue	L
S.	16	Kent State	W
S.	23	at Syracuse	W
S.	**30**	**at Cincinnati**	*
O.	**7**	**Northern Illinois**	*
O.	14	at Buffalo	W
O.	**21**	**at Akron**	*
O.	28	Ball State	W
N.	4	at Western Michigan	W
N.	15	at Bowling Green	W
N.	24	Ohio	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 MIAMI ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
17 Decker, Kyle	QB	6'3"	190	So.	Granville, OH
14 Elliott, Jared	QB	6'5"	222	So.	Franklin, TN
3 Kokal, Mike	QB/P	6'2"	202	Jr.	Warren, OH
13 Miller, Brent	QB	6'3"	191	Fr.	Columbus, OH
12 Raudabaugh, Daniel	QB	6'4"	205	Fr.	Coppell, TX
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
25 Bratton, Andre	RB	5'11"	180	Fr.	Woodbridge, VA
43 Calhoun, Jimmy	RB	6'0"	224	So.	Middletown, OH
39 DeBartolo, Nick	FB	6'1"	240	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
31 Jones, Cory	RB	5'10"	193	So.	Ocean Springs, MS
47 Mahon, Nate	FB	6'1"	232	Fr.	Hamilton, OH
24 Murphy, Brandon	RB	5'8"	188	Jr.	Strongsville, OH
26 Murray, Jimmy	RB	6'2"	214	Sr.	Louisville, KY
49 Vogele, Matt	FB	6'3"	258	Sr.	North Bend, OH
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
11 Busing, Ryan	WR	6'3"	205	Sr.	Alpharetta, GA
82 Corbin, R.J.	WR	6'1"	197	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
85 Cousino, Cole	WR	5'9"	175	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
80 Crabtree, Tom	TE	6'5"	234	So.	Carroll, OH
10 Davis, Justin	TE	6'5"	232	Jr.	Plain City, OH
86 Hohl, Mike	TE	6'3"	219	Fr.	New Carlisle, OH
19 Koval, Dave	WR	5'11"	182	So.	Poland, OH
23 LaMonica, Pat	WR	5'8"	171	So.	Dublin, OH
18 McVay, Sean	WR	5'10"	181	So.	Marietta, GA
9 Morton-Green, E.J.	WR	6'4"	205	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
81 O'Bryan, Patrick	WR	6'1"	196	Jr.	Beavercreek, OH
83 O'Connell, Jake	TE	6'4"	231	So.	Naples, FL
2 Robinson, Ryne	WR	5'10"	171	Sr.	Toledo, OH
87 Shepard, Pat	TE	6'4"	217	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
27 Tate, Marcus	WR	5'9"	150	Sr.	Canton, GA
4 Williams, Josh	WR	6'2"	220	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
88 Woods, Dustin	WR	5'11"	179	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
71 Cartwright, Heath	OL	6'6"	265	Fr.	Westville, IN
57 Compton, Craig	OL	6'4"	240	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
68 DiFranco, Dave	OL	6'6"	323	So.	LaGrange, OH
77 Klesmith, Brian	OL	6'6"	276	Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI
53 Kosky, Steve	OL	6'4"	278	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
61 Lovas, Kyle	OL	6'2"	287	So.	Westerville, OH
50 McKeown, Matt	OL	6'4"	277	So.	Cincinnati, OH
72 Meister, Steve	OL	6'2"	290	So.	Allison Park, PA
76 Norden, Charles	OL	6'6"	313	Jr.	Dublin, OH
52 Satterthwait, Josh	OL	6'4"	296	So.	Roswell, GA
Sutter, Steve	OL	6'6"	269	So.	Saint Henry, OH
73 Walters, Pete	OL	6'6"	320	So.	Columbus, OH
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
96 Case, James	DL	6'2"	278	So.	Acworth, GA
51 Coniglio, Joe	DL	6'2"	233	So.	Rockford, IL
98 Craven, Travis	DL	6'4"	220	Fr.	Ft. Wayne, IN
94 Huddle, Ben	DL	6'4"	265	So.	Columbus, OH
69 Linwood, Otto	DL	6'1"	306	Jr.	Frankfort, IL
58 Mester, Craig	DL	6'5"	243	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
92 Painter, Seth	DL	6'2"	254	Sr.	Sandusky, OH
91 Samy, Kevin	DL	6'1"	255	Fr.	Canton, OH
95 Sills, Tranaine	DL	6'1"	254	Jr.	Miami, FL
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
36 Britt, David	LB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Lone Tree, CO
45 Goatley, Brad	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Maumee, OH
48 Hudson, Joe	LB	6'2"	226	So.	Piqua, OH
38 Lambrinides, Alex	LB	6'0"	205	Fr.	Rocky River, OH
49 Mann, Mickey	LB	6'0"	220	So.	Amherst, OH
9 Mullins, Clayton	LB	6'2"	219	Jr.	Fairborn, OH
44 Robinson, Rion	LB	5'10"	190	Fr.	Dayton, OH
20 Shula, Chris	LB	5'11"	216	So.	Cooper City, FL
37 Wright, Dontae	LB	6'3"	222	Sr.	Louisa, KY
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
26 Brunson, Antonio	DB	5'11"	175	Fr.	Ft. Pierce, FL
1 Card, Joey	DB	6'0"	198	Sr.	Canton, OH
8 Coombs, Brayden	DB	6'1"	180	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
33 Gaines, Jerrid	DB	5'11"	197	Jr.	Springfield, OH
15 Gibson, Jason	DB	6'1"	191	Fr.	Miami, FL
17 Kavanagh, Sean	DB	6'1"	205	So.	Westlake, OH
34 Nande, Tersee	DB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
18 Palascak, Brian	DB	6'1"	202	So.	Chicago, IL
16 Roland, Bryan	DB	5'10"	191	So.	Detroit, MI
3 Thompson, Jeff	DB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Worthington, OH
Walter, Ben	DB	6'0"	213	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
6 Wilson, Robbie	DB	6'0"	209	So.	Cincinnati, OH
5 Wiwo, Frank	DB	6'3"	179	Sr.	Miami, FL
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
97 Cady, Kevin	K	5'10"	171	Fr.	Oxford, OH
60 Collins, Chase	LS	6'2"	225	Fr.	Germantown, OH
90 DiCesare, Chris	P	6'2"	205	Fr.	St. Clairsville, OH
59 McClain, Dave	LS	6'4"	236	Sr.	Colerain, OH
95 Parseghian, Nathan	K	6'2"	192	So.	Sylvania, OH
14 Pierce, Brian	K	6'0"	189	So.	Rocky River, OH
4 Richardson, Jacob	P	6'1"	187	So.	Oxford, OH

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (4)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**2**	**Ryne Robinson**	**Sr.**
WR	4	Josh Williams	Sr.
WR	81	Patrick O'Bryan	Jr.
LT	68	Dave DiFranco	So.
LG	**72**	**Steve Meister**	**So.**
C	53	Steve Kosky	Sr.
RG	50	Matt McKeown	So.
RT	**76**	**Charlie Norden**	**Jr.**
TE	80	Tom Crabtree	So.
QB	3	Mike Kokal	Jr.
TB	**24**	**Brandon Murphy**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	27	Marcus Tate	Sr.
WR	82	R.J. Corbin	Sr.
WR	9	E.J. Morton-Green	Fr.
LT	79	John Buckman	Jr.
LG	77	Brian Klesmith	Fr.
C	56	Kyle Lovas	So.
RG	73	Pete Walters	Jr.
RT		Steve Sutter	So.
TE	83	Jake O'Connell	So.
QB	12	Daniel Raudabaugh	Fr.
TB	25	Jimmy Murray	Sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (2)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	51	Joe Coniglio	So.
DT	69	Otto Linwood	Jr.
DT	92	Seth Painter	Sr.
DE	**58**	**Craig Mester**	**Jr.**
OLB	37	Dontae Wright	Sr.
MLB	48	Joe Hudson	So.
OLB	9	Clayton Mullins	Jr.
CB	16	Bryan Roland	So.
CB	5	Frank Wiwo	Sr.
SS	6	Robbie Wilson	So.
FS	**1**	**Joey Card**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	95	Tranaine Sills	Jr.
DT	94	Ben Huddle	So.
DT	91	Kevin Samy	Fr.
DE		Jordan Stevens	Fr.
OLB	49	Mickey Mann	So.
MLB	45	Brad Goatley	So.
OLB	20	Chris Shula	So.
CB	3	Jeff Thompson	Fr.
CB	26	Antonio Brunson	Fr.
SS	17	Sean Kavanagh	So.
FS	34	Tersee Nande	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	95	Nathan Parseghian	So.
P	4	Jacob Richardson	So.
KR	18	Sean McVay	So.
PR	2	Ryne Robinson	Sr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Shane Montgomery
Record at School: 7–4 (1 year)
Career Record: 7–4 (1 year)
Offensive Coordinator: Shane Montgomery
Defensive Coordinator: Taver Johnson
Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (25,000)

2006 SIGNEES

Ben Bennett	DB	5'11"	210	Capitol Heights, MD
Caleb Bostic	LB	6'3"	215	Galloway, OH
John Buckman	OL	6'8"	330	Garnett, KS
Martin Channels	DL	6'0"	320	Xenia, OH
Jeff Cleveland	LB	6'2"	220	Huber Heights, OH
Trevor Cook	K	6'2"	172	Sioux Falls, SD
Peris Edwards	DB	6'1"	175	Toledo, OH
Jordan Gafford	DB	6'0"	195	Columbus, OH
Bob Gulley	OL	6'4"	275	Berea, OH
Donnie Hardy	LB	6'1"	200	Stone Mountain, GA
Eugene Harris III	WR	5'10"	180	Atlanta, GA
Dexter Korto	LB	6'2"	195	Germantown, MD
Jamel Miller	RB	5'11"	200	Tallmadge, OH
Mark Paun	DL	6'3"	245	Strongsville, OH
Donovan Potter	WR	6'2"	185	Trotwood, OH
Sean Redwine	TE	6'4"	255	Reading, OH
Armand Robinson	WR	6'1"	190	Reynoldsburg, OH
Brandon Stephens	DB	5'10"	178	Strongsville, OH
Jordan Stevens	DL	6'4"	245	Monroeville, PA
Alex Stewart	DL	6'2"	255	Westerville, OH
D.J. Svabik	DL	6'6"	230	Van Wert, OH
Nate Williams	OL	6'5"	285	Parma, OH

Offense is coach Shane Montgomery's background, but defense was his recruiting priority. Thirteen of Miami's 22 recruits played defense in high school, including five linemen and four linebackers. Few of them were better than Pennsylvania defensive end Jordan Stevens, a first-team all-state pick who can contribute right away. Stevens is fast, as are linebackers Dexter Korto, a Maryland product who ran the anchor leg of his high school's 400-meter relay team, and Donnie Hardy, a Georgia product who also ran relays in high school. Defensive back Jordan Gafford was a two-time first-team all-state pick in Ohio. Offensive tackle John Buckman was Miami's first junior college signee since 2000. He could move into the starting lineup. Despite Miami's interest in expanding its recruiting base by playing on national television often, 15 of the RedHawks' 22 recruits are from Ohio.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 7–4 (5–3 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 3	at Ohio State	L	14–34	104,695
S. 10	Central Michigan	L	37–38	16,956
S. 17	at Kent State	W	27–10	14,002
S. 28	Cincinnati	W	44–16	19,163
O. 5	at Northern Illinois	L	27–38	20,023
O. 15	Akron	W	51–23	14,312
O. 22	at Eastern Michigan	W	24–23	5,785
O. 29	at Temple	W	41–14	11,257
N. 5	Buffalo	W	54–13	20,023
N. 15	Bowling Green	L	14–42	5,749
N. 21	at Ohio	W	38– 7	9,908

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Josh Betts	434	248	3,178	27	13
Mike Kokal	**11**	**6**	**30**	**0**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Brandon Murphy	**226**	**1,070**	**4.7**	**9**	
Jimmy Murray	**50**	**266**	**5.3**	**4**	
Jimmy Calhoun	**57**	**187**	**3.3**	**1**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Martin Nance	81	1,107	13.7	14	
Ryne Robinson	**75**	**1,119**	**14.9**	**8**	

Kicking: Todd Soderquist, 19-27 FGs, 43-44 XPs, 100 points
Tackles: John Busing, 97; **Joey Card, 67**
Sacks: **Craig Mester, 5.5**
Interceptions: **Frank Wiwo, 4**

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast 100 | **MAC East Prediction 3rd**

Ohio enjoyed a lift when former Nebraska head coach Frank Solich arrived in Athens to resurrect the program. But after a thrilling early season win over Pittsburgh, the Bobcats receded into the familiar lower tier of the MAC with a 4–7 overall showing.

This is the time for Solich to prove he can still back his résumé. With 17 starters returning, and the Solich system no longer new material, lessons learned should show rewards. "Everybody has been through it before," Solich says. "We've identified areas we need to improve on, so we'll just continue to take it day by day."

The next hurdle is getting the Bobcats even with Akron, Miami and Bowling Green, the '05 tri-champs of the East and a trio that knows how to score points.

Quarterbacks Before the Bobcats can make major strides, they need the right guy running the show. After Ohio finished dead last in the MAC in passing in 2005 with 118.5 yards per game, the challenge is no secret. "We certainly want to try and develop our quarterbacks to the point where we are a better throwing football team than we were last year," Solich says.

Senior Austen Everson started every game last season, so he has the inside track. But Everson will have to improve on his 47.7 percent completion rate. Junior Brad Bower enters the mix after transferring from Illinois. He led the Illini to a 2–2 record in his four games as a starter in 2004.

Running Backs The Bobcats have one of the best backs in the MAC in junior Kalvin McRae, who put together the third-best rushing season in school history with 1,153 yards. McRae is the workhorse Ohio leans on, and he had three games with 200 or more yards. Voncarie Owens is a sound backup to McRae. Junior Nate Clemens is the likely lead blocker at fullback.

Receivers If the Bobcats make a quantum leap offensively, the receivers should be much busier this fall. The biggest threat is Scott Mayle, who has game-breaking speed and has had 25 plays of at least 20 yards the past three seasons. Junior Justin Fitzgerald overcame an injury and emerged as Ohio's second-leading receiver last year, while senior Ahmona Maxwell and junior college product William Norwood will also play plenty. Corey Logan, Thomas Christy and Rudy Sylvan share the tight end role.

Offensive Linemen The depth up front is significant, and with six players who started at least five games back, this is one of Ohio's strengths. The group showed significant improvement a year ago, when sacks allowed fell from 55 to 19 and the Bobcats' yards-per-carry average jumped from 2.9 to 4.5. If Ohio can keep trending in that direction, putting up more points is all but guaranteed.

Senior tackle Matt Coppage had 28 straight starts until a hamstring injury prior to last season's finale. Senior J.J. Knabb started eight games at center, while junior Matt Miller is another returning starter at guard. Sophomore Tommy Stuck played in all 11 games as a true freshman.

NUMBERS GAME

5 In 11 games last season, the Bobcats had only five passing touchdowns. Akron, Miami and Bowling Green, the three teams that finished ahead of Ohio in the MAC East, all had 24 or more.

Defensive Linemen Ohio received good news when the NCAA granted nose guard Shane Yates a sixth year of eligibility. His return gives the Bobcats three returning starters in their 4-3 alignment. There is also depth in the rotation. Junior tackle Landon Cohen made nine of his 28 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, while Jameson Hartke led the team with four sacks last year as a freshman. Junior Brett Sykes started all 11 games at end, while senior David Escobar was a frequent contributor at tackle.

Linebackers The heart of the Ohio defense is Matt Muncy, a senior who led the MAC and ranked among the nation's top 20 with 114 tackles last season. A first-team all-MAC pick, Muncy averaged a league-best 10.36 tackles per game. The Lombardi Award candidate is joined by Michael Graham, who has 17 consecutive starts, and Tyler Russ, who was second to Muncy with 88 tackles.

Defensive Backs The Bobcats have quality depth in the secondary, where senior T.J. Wright is back as a solid cover man. Junior Michael Hinton, a transfer from Virginia Tech, should have a role, while junior Todd Koenig has experience at both safety positions. Sophomore Michael Mitchell, senior Marcquis Parham and junior Tony Ward all bring experience.

Specialists The Bobcats lost their kicker and their punter with the graduation of Matthew Miller, throwing the competition for those jobs wide open. Senior Matt Lasher did not attempt a field goal or an extra point last season, but has handled kickoff duties. Mayle led the MAC and was 18th in the nation with a 27.2-yard kickoff return average.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE BOBCATS

When he arrived in Athens, Frank Solich found an abundance of players but a dearth of legitimate playmakers. He has tried to address shortages of raw speed and overall strength, and he hopes to have a team that is deeper and more skilled than it was in 2005. "It seems likes the team is the strongest since I've been here," senior linebacker Matt Muncy says. "We have some depth where we haven't had it before." Will that be enough of an improvement to finally elevate the Bobcats out of the MAC's lower tier, or just keep them from losing any more ground in the arms race? The onus will be on the defense to keep Ohio in most games while the offense continues to evolve. For the past several years, the Bobcats have been able to run the football as well as anyone in the conference, but their ineffective passing game has crippled them when the opposition gets rolling. You can't make up three-touchdown deficits by chewing up four yards at a crack and devouring the clock at the same time. Without more offensive balance, the Bobcats are doomed to another losing conference season. The honeymoon could soon be over for Solich, who had an embarrassing arrest for drunk driving in November. It's time to take the Bobcats up the mountain.

Kalvin McRae

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2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	Tennessee-Martin	W
S.	9	at Northern Illinois	L
S.	16	at Rutgers	L
S.	23	at Missouri	L
S.	**30**	**Bowling Green**	*
O.	**7**	**Western Michigan**	*
O.	14	at Illinois	L
O.	21	Buffalo	W
O.	28	at Kent State	W
N.	**4**	**at Eastern Michigan**	*
N.	**16**	**Akron**	*
N.	24	at Miami (Ohio)	L

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 OHIO ROSTER

	Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
14	Bower, Brad	QB	6'2"	206	Jr.	Burr Ridge, IL
9	Everson, Austen	QB	6'2"	220	Sr.	Brentwood, TN
7	Febus, Josh	QB	6'2"	203	Fr.	Dublin, OH
10	Jones, Brandon	QB	6'0"	189	So.	Marietta, GA
	Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
31	Abrams, Joshua	TB	6'0"	193	Jr.	Dunwoody, GA
45	Clemens, Nate	FB	6'0"	219	Jr.	Dayton, OH
29	Magee, James	RB	5'9"	197	So.	Los Angeles, CA
5	McRae, Kalvin	TB	5'11"	208	Jr.	Decatur, GA
39	Morsillo, Mitch	FB	6'1"	246	Fr.	Moon, PA
20	Owens, Voncarie	TB	5'10"	189	Sr.	Taylorsville, MS
	Scipio, Joel	RB	5'11"	215	So.	Hilliard, OH
40	White, Jayson	FB	6'1"	238	So.	Erie, PA
	Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
89	Adeyeye, Felix	WR	6'3"	205	So.	Gahanna, OH
81	Christy, Thomas	TE	6'3"	258	Sr.	South Euclid, OH
86	Fitzgerald, Justin	WR	6'3"	197	Jr.	Richmond, VA
	Garrett, Chris	WR	5'8"	177	Fr.	Bristow, VA
16	Huffman, Tyler	WR	5'11"	174	So.	New Lexington, OH
87	Lawson, Matt	WR	6'0"	188	So.	Dayton, OH
83	Logan, Corey	TE	6'3"	232	Sr.	Columbus, OH
21	Maxwell, Ahmona	WR	6'1"	176	Sr.	Paducah, KY
82	Mayle, Scott	WR	6'1"	175	Sr.	Philippi, WV
2	Norwood, William	WR	6'1"	215	Sr.	Racine, WI
	Nwokocha, Chido	WR	6'0"	183	Jr.	Elk Grove, CA
	Olsheski, Adam	TE	6'2"	230	Fr.	Hilliard, OH
18	Peterson, Brandon	WR	5'10"	178	So.	Gaithersburg, MD
15	Preston, Robert	WR	6'1"	192	Jr.	Columbus, OH
36	Riley, Justin	WR	5'11"	197	Sr.	Grove City, OH
84	Rodgers, Chris	TE	6'5"	256	Fr.	Phoenix, AZ
88	Sylvan, Rudy	TE	6'4"	274	Sr.	Suisan City, CA
12	Turner, Thad	WR	6'0"	160	Fr.	Marietta, GA
	Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
69	Browning, Jeff	OL	6'5"	299	So.	Harrison, OH
	Busch, Dan	OL	6'3"	310	Fr.	Napoleon, OH
71	Bush, Bryson	OL	6'4"	327	Jr.	Canton, OH
78	Coppage, Matt	OL	6'4"	288	Sr.	Walton, KY
57	D'Aguanno, Pete	OL	6'2"	283	Fr.	Pound Ridge, NY
76	Eynon, Mike	OL	6'3"	300	So.	Westlake, OH
65	Ferrainolo, Dathan	OL	6'3"	308	Fr.	E. Liverpool, OH
68	Fosnaugh, Shawn	OL	6'5"	294	Fr.	Lancaster, OH
77	Johnson, Paul	OL	6'2"	313	Jr.	Vienna, WV
53	Knabb, J.J.	OL	6'3"	289	Sr.	McMurray, PA
79	Miller, Matt	OL	6'3"	311	Jr.	Mechanicsville, VA
61	Philibin, Michael	OL	6'4"	299	Fr.	Poland, OH
	Pisano, Brady	OL	6'3"	290	So.	Westerville, OH
73	Schussler, Gary	OL	6'3"	276	Fr.	Chardon, OH
52	Shelby, David	OL	6'4"	299	Jr.	New Albany, OH
66	Stuck, Tommy	OL	6'1"	286	So.	Lancaster, OH
58	White, David	OL	6'1"	303	Fr.	Chardon, OH
	Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
55	Cohen, Landon	DT	6'3"	278	Jr.	Spartanburg, SC
59	Dunlap, Wesley	DE	6'3"	270	Jr.	Ellicott City, MD
93	Escobar, David	DL	6'2"	301	Sr.	Dayton, OH
	Goff, Alan	DL	6'4"	263	Jr.	Escondido, CA
90	Hartke, Jameson	DL	6'4"	259	So.	Centerville, OH
	Hodge, Ernie	DL	6'2"	245	Fr.	Dublin, VA
	Hubbard, Horace	DL	6'4"	240	Fr.	Gretna, VA
97	Kenkel, Eric	DL	6'3"	247	So.	Cincinnti, OH
92	Leuck, Josh	DL	6'3"	281	So.	Omaha, NE
98	Reilly, Conor	DL	6'3"	248	Fr.	Hudson, OH
70	Rzeznik, John	DL	5'10"	266	Fr.	Greenwood Lake, NY
63	Scarbrough, Darren	DL	6'0"	279	Fr.	Coolville, OH
94	Sykes, Brett	DL	6'2"	263	Jr.	Eastlake, OH
47	Tyson, Andrew	DE	6'2"	234	Jr.	N. Ridgeville, OH
96	Williamson, Jacob	DL	6'4"	290	So.	Ackworth, GA
74	Yates, Shane	DL	6'2"	280	Sr.	Martinez, GA
	Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
35	Brown, Michael	LB	6'3"	216	So.	Cincinnati, OH
	Clemens, Chad	LB	5'11"	196	Fr.	Dayton, OH
	Cole, Jared	LB	5'11"	223	Jr.	Avon Lake, OH
	Druffel, Mark	LB	6'4"	225	Fr.	Morrow, OH
41	Graham, Michael	LB	5'10"	212	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
19	Hall, Chris	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Louisville, KY
56	Henley, Taj	LB	6'1"	226	Jr.	Richmond, VA
54	Kasmarcak, Justin	LB	6'2"	240	Sr.	Richfield, OH
48	Meyers, Jordan	LB	6'0"	221	So.	Harrison, OH
50	Muncy, Matt	LB	6'2"	231	Sr.	Miamisburg, OH
32	Renfro, Lee	LB	5'10"	200	Fr.	Burnside, KY
26	Russ, Tyler	LB	6'1"	221	Sr.	Stetsonville, WI
28	Wren, Jared	LB	6'0"	235	Fr.	Athens, OH
	Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
	Gardner, Anthony	CB	5'10"	186	Fr.	Rocky River, OH
37	Hartsook, Jonathan	FS	5'11"	191	Jr.	Gahanna, OH
18	Hinton, Michael	S	6'3"	197	Jr.	Burlington, NC
7	Jackson, Ervin	FS	6'0"	196	Jr.	Kiln, MS
	Jackson, Steven	CB	6'2"	180	Fr.	Houston, TX
17	Jefferson, Theo	S	6'2"	205	Jr.	Washington, DC
46	Jereb, Neil	SS	5'10"	190	So.	Westlake, OH
8	Koenig, Todd	S	6'2"	212	Jr.	Nanty-Glo, PA
4	Lawrence, Idris	CB	5'8"	167	Fr.	Columbus, OH
	Meier, Dan	S	5'11"	170	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
34	Mitchell, Michael	S	6'1"	207	So.	Ft. Thomas, KY
27	Parham, Marcquis	CB	5'11"	176	Sr.	Kent, OH
24	Parson, Mark	CB	5'10"	193	So.	Richmond, VA
2	Showes, Kellen	CB	5'10"	167	Fr.	Canton, OH
	Tanis, Brad	S	5'10"	185	Fr.	Loveland, OH
30	Tatum, Dustin	CB	5'11"	175	So.	Lafayette, LA
6	Ward, Tony	S	5'11"	198	Jr.	Beaumont, TX
3	Wright, T.J.	CB	5'11"	175	Sr.	Beaumont, TX
	Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
	Chappell, Cody	K/P	6'2"	190	So.	Hainesville, IL
96	Lasher, Matt	K	6'0"	190	Sr.	Copley, OH
	Morris, Sean	K	6'2"	214	So.	West Chester, OH
	Pershing, John	LS	6'3"	220	So.	Blacklick, OH
49	Senser, Ryan	LS	6'3"	241	Jr.	Westerville, OH
	Wasserman, Kyle	K	5'11"	185	Fr.	Solon, OH
7	Wertz, Zac	P/K	5-11	175	Jr.	South Lebanon, OH

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (8)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**82**	**Scott Mayle**	**Sr.**
WR	**86**	**Justin Fitzgerald**	**Jr.**
LT	**78**	**Matt Coppage**	**Sr.**
LG	77	Paul Johnson	Jr.
C	**53**	**J.J. Knabb**	**Sr.**
RG	**79**	**Matt Miller**	**Jr.**
RT	52	David Shelby	Jr.
TE	**83**	**Corey Logan**	**Sr.**
QB	**9**	**Austen Everson**	**Sr.**
FB	45	Nate Clemens	Jr.
TB	**5**	**Kalvin McRae**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	2	William Norwood	Sr.
WR	36	Justin Riley	Sr.
LT	71	Bryson Bush	Jr.
LG	57	Pete D'Aguanno	Fr.
C	66	Tommy Stuck	So.
RG	76	Mike Eynon	So.
RT	61	Mike Philibin	Fr.
TE	88	Rudy Sylvan	Sr.
QB	14	Brad Bower	Jr.
FB	39	Mitch Morsillo	Fr.
TB	20	Voncarie Owens	Sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (9)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**94**	**Brett Sykes**	**Jr.**
DT	**55**	**Landon Cohen**	**Jr.**
NT	**74**	**Shane Yates**	**Sr.**
DE	90	Jameson Hartke	So.
SLB	**41**	**Michael Graham**	**Sr.**
MLB	**50**	**Matt Muncy**	**Sr.**
WLB	**26**	**Tyler Russ**	**Sr.**
CB	24	Mark Parson	So.
CB	**3**	**T.J. Wright**	**Sr.**
SS	**8**	**Todd Koenig**	**Jr.**
FS	**6**	**Tony Ward**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	97	Eric Kenkel	So.
DT	93	David Escobar	Sr.
NT	92	Josh Leuck	So.
DE	98	Conor Reilly	Fr.
SLB	35	Michael Brown	So.
MLB	56	Taj Henley	Jr.
WLB	48	Jordan Meyers	So.
CB	27	Marcquis Parham	Sr.
CB	4	Idris Lawrence	Fr.
SS	34	Michael Mitchell	So.
FS	18	Michael Hinton	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	96	Matt Lasher	Sr.
P		Nate Reed	Fr.
KR	82	Scott Mayle	Sr.
PR	24	Mark Parson	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Frank Solich
Record at School: 4–7 (1 year)
Career Record: 62–26 (7 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Tim Albin
Defensive Coordinator: Jimmy Burrow
Athens, Ohio
Peden Stadium (24,000)

2006 SIGNEES

Jacob Black	OL	6'5"	295	Wash. Court House, OH
Cole Bunner	OL	6'5"	302	Omaha, NE
Kody Carr	TE	6'5"	200	Dublin, OH
Pete D'Aguanno	OL	6'2"	289	Pound Ridge, NY
Donovan Fletcher	ATH	6'1"	190	Youngstown, OH
Christopher Garrett	ATH	5'8"	177	Bristow, VA
Stafford Gatling	LB	6'3"	200	Burlington, NC
Alan Goff	DE	6'4"	263	Escondido, CA
Robert Hightower	RB	5'11"	190	Youngstown, OH
Ernie Hodge	DE	6'1"	245	Dublin, VA
Horace Hubbard	DT	6'4"	240	Gretna, VA
Kris Luchsinger	DE	6'2"	234	Dublin, OH
Terrence McCrae	WR	6'4"	205	Vanderbilt, PA
Robert Mercer	WR	6'5"	185	Cleveland, OH
Andrew Mooney	TE	6'3"	233	Lubbock, TX
Chido Nwokocha	WR	6'0"	190	Elk Grove, CA
Julian Posey	CB	5'11"	175	Cincinnati, OH
Taylor Price	WR	6'0"	193	Hilliard, OH
Pete Reese	DE	6'4"	260	Toledo, OH
Marcellis Williamson	DT	6'1"	320	Warrensville Hts., OH

With the most pressing needs coming in the passing game, and the desire for more big-time playmakers, Ohio went out and landed a pair of athletes it thinks will fill both orders. Terrence McCrae is a 6'4", 205-pound athlete who excelled at both receiver and defensive back in high school. Robert Mercer comes from the football-rich Cleveland area. Solich's second class seems to have more of what Ohio needs to upgrade its program. "We set out to try and make sure the kids we brought in would supply us with immediate depth," Solich says. "We really didn't have the kind of depth that you need to challenge coming down the stretch, so we're taking that and making sure it doesn't happen to us again." Another area of special attention was at linebacker, where graduation will hit the Bobcats hard after the 2006 season.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 4–7 (3–5 MAC)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	3	at Northwestern	L	14–38	20,115
S.	9	Pittsburgh	W	16–10	24,545
S.	17	at Virginia Tech	L	0–45	65,115
S.	24	Kent State	W	35–32	16,721
O.	8	at Bowling Green	L	14–38	14,177
O.	15	at Central Michigan	L	10–37	16,017
O.	22	Ball State	W	38–21	17,959
O.	29	at Buffalo	W	34–20	5,814
N.	4	Toledo	L	21–30	21,034
N.	15	at Akron	L	3–27	7,614
N.	21	Miami (Ohio)	L	7–38	9,908

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Austen Everson	**220**	**105**	**1,151**	**4**	**11**
Brandon Jones	**35**	**11**	**124**	**1**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Kalvin McRae	**209**	**1,153**	**5.5**	**7**	
Austen Everson	**105**	**244**	**2.3**	**6**	
Voncarie Owens	**44**	**228**	**5.2**	**2**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Scott Mayle	**21**	**338**	**16.1**	**3**	
Justin Fitzgerald	**19**	**236**	**12.4**	**1**	

Kicking: Matthew Miller, 3-4 FGs, 14-15 XPs, 23 points
Tackles: Matt Muncy, 115; Tyler Russ, 88
Sacks: Jameson Hartke, 4
Interceptions: Dion Byrum, 6

Returning Players in Bold

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A 2005 season that started in turmoil — with player suspensions contributing to four lopsided losses — ended on a positive note for Ball State. The Cardinals won three of their final four games, including two on the road, and ended with a .500 mark in conference play.

The 2006 season can't come fast enough for coach Brady Hoke and his players. The Cardinals return 10 starters on offense and finally have some depth on the offensive line. Defensively, four starters return, and there is more size in the trenches.

If Ball State can get better play out of both lines, there are enough playmakers at the skill positions to make the Cards a real factor in the West Division race this November.

Quarterbacks Joey Lynch returns as the starting quarterback after passing for 1,982 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2005. A better word to describe his 2005 season may be survived; Lynch and the Cardinal quarterbacks were sacked 43 times last season. Even with so much pressure, Lynch threw only seven interceptions and completed 63.1 percent of his passes.

A No. 2 quarterback needs to develop. Warren Suess and Zach Jones are battling for the job, but highly recruited incoming freshman Nate Davis has a legitimate chance to emerge as Lynch's backup.

Running Backs Leading rusher Charles Wynn graduated, leaving B.J. Hill and Larry Bostic as the only running backs with significant playing experience. Both are in the 5'7" 185-pound range, and they both have good speed and proven endurance. Hill earned three starts last year and averaged 5.1 yards per carry. Brenton Martin and Jacolby Bond bring much-needed size to the position. "I am very comfortable with the depth and talent we have developed here," Hoke says.

Receivers The Cardinals return over 80 percent of their receiving production. Expected starters Terry Moss and Louis Johnson combined to catch 64 passes for 833 yards and five touchdowns. Dante Love, a former option quarterback in high school, is a talented playmaker who can line up in the backfield as well. The Cardinals will lean heavily on tight end Michael Steinhaus and his backups, Darius Hill and Kyle Cornwell.

Offensive Linemen Hoke knew there were going to be some issues on the offense line when two true freshmen were pressed into starting at Iowa to open the season last year. "That's not the situation you want against a team like that," he says.

But now, Hoke has some experienced young players at his disposal on a unit that returns all five starters along with several other letterwinners. The line will have to protect the quarterback better and improve its run blocking; the Cardinals rushed for only 110.0 yards per game last year and tied for last in the nation with 43 sacks allowed.

Defensive Linemen Ball State's defensive turnaround will need to start up front. "We need to be consistent on defense and create more sacks and quarterback pressure," says Hoke. The Cardinals recorded just 16 sacks last season, which ranked 99th nationally, while giving up over 200 yards rushing per game.

There is finally some size in the trenches, with three players in the 300-pound range. Fifth-year senior Tom Keller, who checks in at 303 pounds, needs to shine at defensive tackle. The top four ends combined to start just five games last year.

NUMBERS GAME

2-0 Ball State went 2–0 against the two teams that played for the MAC title — Akron and Northern Illinois. No other team in the league beat both clubs.

Linebackers The Cardinals' linebacking corps took a hit in the spring when Brad Seiss, the starter in the middle, tore ligaments in his knee. Seiss' injury will give Mike Dorulla, a reserve who recorded 30 tackles a year ago, an opportunity to take on a larger role. The other two starters, Wendell Brown and Bryant Haines, will be back. Even without Seiss, this should be a team strength.

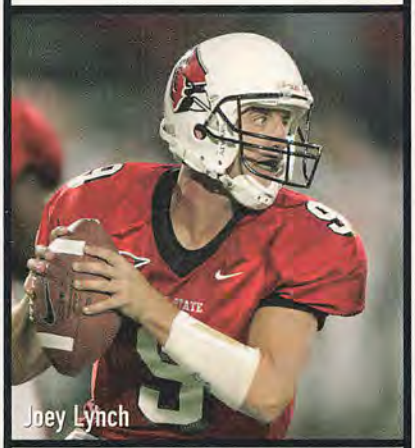
Defensive Backs Ball State's inability to get pressure on the quarterback was a problem, but there is no denying that the Cardinals ranked 95th in the country in pass defense due to suspect play in the defensive backfield. Both starting cornerbacks are in the 5'10", 170-pound range, putting them at a disadvantage against bigger receivers. The safety positions are solid with Erik Keys (69 tackles) and Trey Lewis (74 tackles, team-high three interceptions).

Specialists Ball State has a history of producing quality punters, and you can add Chris Miller to that list. Miller led the MAC in punting last season and ranked 12th nationally with a 43.8-yard average. Brian Jackson returns at placekicker, and he has a 54-yarder on his résumé.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE CARDINALS

Brady Hoke enters his fourth year with what should be his best team to date. Joey Lynch runs the offense well, and there is good speed at tailback and receiver. However, the success of the offense will depend on the continued development (and health) of the players up front. Protecting the quarterback and generating running lanes for the small and shifty halfbacks are the goals this season. Defensively, there are still question marks since the defensive line put little pressure on opposing quarterbacks and exposed a very average group of defensive backs. Ball State ranked dead last in the MAC in total defense (458.9 yards per game) and scoring defense (37.8 ppg) last year. Those numbers should be significantly reduced this year, thanks to added size and athleticism on the defensive line and at linebacker. Still, the defensive backs will need to make plays after recording only eight interceptions last year. The Cardinals are blessed with outstanding special teams units, something that could be worth a win or two. A non-conference schedule that features home games with Indiana and North Dakota State is a welcome change from the murderer's row of road games (Iowa, Auburn and Boston College) the Cards faced last year.



Joey Lynch

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	31	Eastern Michigan	W
S.	9	Indiana	L
S.	16	at Purdue	L
S.	23	North Dakota State	W
S.	30	Northern Illinois	L
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O.	**14**	**at Central Michigan**	*
O.	**21**	**Western Michigan**	*
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N.	4	at Michigan	L
N.	14	at Toledo	L
N.	24	Kent State	W

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40 Bova, Garrett	FB	6'0"	224	Sr.	Naperville, IL
27 Clancy, Chris	FB	6'2"	231	So.	Plainfield, IL
3 Hill, B.J.	TB	5'7"	181	So.	Lanham, MD
37 Martin, Brenton	TB	6'1"	221	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN
22 Rainey, Seth	FB	5'11"	227	Jr.	Mount Vernon, IN
38 Salyer, Brad	FB	5'11"	242	Sr.	Noblesville, IN
32 Wedlow, Nick	TB	5'9"	194	So.	Statesboro, GA
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
13 Cornwell, Kyle	TE	6'4"	240	So.	New Lenox, IL
85 Crawford, Mike	WR	6'4"	216	So.	Indianapolis, IN
83 Dunford, Dan	WR	5'10"	184	Jr.	Naples, FL
82 Grant, Madaris	TE	6'5"	219	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
88 Hill, Darius	TE	6'6"	230	So.	Blue Springs, MO
81 Johnson, Louis	WR	6'1"	178	So.	Muncie, IN
86 Love, Dante	WR	5'10"	170	So.	Cincinnati, OH
2 Moss, Terry	WR	5'10"	187	Sr.	Huber Heights, OH
15 Myles, Jon	WR	6'0"	195	Fr.	Dayton, OH
6 Rogers, DeAndrie	WR	6'3"	192	Fr.	Detroit, MI
84 Steinhaus, Michael	TE	6'3"	256	Sr.	Algonquin, IL
43 Trask, Jordan	WR	5'4"	191	So.	Indianapolis, IN
7 Walker, Justin	WR	6'2"	190	Fr.	New Castle, IN
18 Williamson, Bryan	WR	6'3"	207	Sr.	Westerville, OH
89 Wilson, Brad	TE	6'3"	240	Sr.	Muncie, IN
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
62 Anderson, Justin	G	6'4"	284	Fr.	Union City, IN
63 Boocher, Dan	G	6'4"	312	Fr.	South Bend, IN
71 Brewster, Robert	T	6'5"	320	So.	Cincinnati, OH
50 Brown, Dustin	C	6'3"	301	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
58 Cole, Adam	T	6'6"	291	So.	Eden Prairie, MN
52 Gerberry, Dan	C	6'3"	285	So.	Canfield, OH
53 Hartig, Justin	C	6'4"	281	Jr.	Charlotte, MI
75 Larrimer, Eric	G	6'5"	307	So.	Centerville, OH
91 Morris, Roger	G	6'4"	311	So.	Jonesboro, GA
66 Neville, Kevin	T	6'7"	299	Jr.	Cottage Grove, WI
60 Penland, Justin	T	6'6"	301	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
78 Purdy, John	G	6'6"	341	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
79 Ramsey, Andre	T	6'5"	308	So.	Cordele, GA
76 Schneider, Justin	T	6'5"	295	Sr.	Hilbert, WI
77 Sippel, Jason	G	6'4"	276	So.	Hawthorn Woods, IL
69 Trowman, Brian	T	6'5"	302	So.	Blue Springs, MO
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
95 Adams, Tony	DT	6'3"	274	Fr.	Fairborn, OH
70 Applegate, Jordan	NT	6'5"	306	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
56 Barinaga, Gonzalo	DE	6'2"	240	So.	Milwaukee, WI
59 Beasley, Antonio	DE	6'0"	227	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
44 Booker, Cortlan	DE	6'2"	244	Jr.	West Lafayette, IN
65 Duffin, Drew	DE	6'3"	248	Fr.	Avon, IN
94 Jordan, Jacob	DT	6'3"	280	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
92 Kellar, Tom	NT	6'3"	303	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
93 Koroma, Amara	DT	6'2"	272	Jr.	Homewood, IL
97 Larimore, Riley	DE	6'2"	262	Sr.	Merrillville, IN
98 Macarthy, Temidayo	DE	6'4"	258	Jr.	Chicago, IL
99 Meeks, Kenny	DE	6'2"	223	So.	Muncie, IN
74 Wise, William	NT	6'0"	290	Sr.	Gary, IN
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
11 Brown, Wendell	LB	6'0"	225	Jr.	Detroit, MI
51 Corpuz, Anthony	LB	6'2"	226	Sr.	Fenton, MO
28 Dorulla, Mike	LB	6'0"	217	Jr.	Valparaiso, IN
48 Dunbar, Martin	LB	6'1"	220	Sr.	Oakland, CA
49 Haines, Bryant	LB	6'5"	226	So.	Piqua, OH
46 Moore, Alex	LB	6'1"	241	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
42 Seiss, Brad	LB	6'0"	224	Sr.	Warsaw, IN
36 Sieman, Jason	LB	6'3"	223	Sr.	Katy, TX
41 Syrus, Zack	LB	6'3"	214	So.	Fishers, IN
55 Woodworth, Sam	LB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Elkhart, IN
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
21 Allen, Chris	SS	5'10"	185	Jr.	Dayton, OH
8 Buice, Trey	CB	5'10"	168	So.	Stone Mountain, GA
1 Burk, Eddie	FS	5'11"	206	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
4 Degage, Jovens	CB	5'11"	197	So.	North Miami, FL
14 England, Bryant	DB	5'10"	160	Fr.	Gaithersburg, MD
45 Hottle, John	DB	6'1"	190	Fr.	Greenville, OH
7 Keys, Erik	SS	5'10"	210	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
23 Kuntz, Kyle	SS	5'10"	186	Fr.	Vandalia, OH
12 Lewis, Trey	FS	6'0"	193	So.	Raleigh, NC
10 McClure, Marcus	FS	6'0"	173	So.	Rome, GA
24 McGee, Corey	CB	5'11"	191	Fr.	Jackson, MS
34 Mosley, Lavell	CB	6'2"	194	So.	Kenosha, WI
29 Rakestraw, Ricky	CB	5'9"	169	Sr.	Dayton, OH
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
54 Hay, Michael	LS	6'1"	243	Sr.	Coldwater, OH
20 Jackson, Brian	K	5'7"	183	Sr.	Dothan, AL
35 Miller, Chris	P	6'2"	212	So.	Libertyville, IL
33 Weber, Adam	K	6'2"	189	Fr.	St. Leon, IN

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (10)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**2**	**Terry Moss**	**Sr.**
WR	**81**	**Louis Johnson**	**So.**
LT	**79**	**Andre Ramsey**	**So.**
LG	**76**	**Justin Schneider**	**Sr.**
C	**52**	**Dan Gerberry**	**So.**
RG	**50**	**Dustin Brown**	**Jr.**
RT	**71**	**Robert Brewster**	**So.**
TE	**84**	**Michael Steinhaus**	**Sr.**
QB	**9**	**Joey Lynch**	**Sr.**
FB	38	Brad Salyer	Sr.
RB	3	B.J. Hill	So.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	18	Bryan Williamson	Sr.
WR	83	Dan Dunford	Jr.
LT	76	Justin Schneider	Sr.
LG	75	Eric Larrimer	So.
C	50	Dustin Brown	Jr.
RG	78	John Purdy	Fr.
RT		Lance Helton	Fr.
TE	88	Darius Hill	So.
QB		Nate Davis	Fr.
FB	37	Brenton Martin	Sr.
RB	**19**	**Larry Bostic**	**Sr.**

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (4)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	97	Riley Larimore	Sr.
DT	93	Amara Koroma	Jr.
NT	92	Tom Kellar	Sr.
DE	44	Cortlan Booker	Jr.
SLB	**11**	**Wendell Brown**	**Jr.**
MLB	28	Mike Dorulla	Jr.
WLB	**49**	**Bryant Haines**	**So.**
CB	8	Trey Buice	So.
CB	29	Ricky Rakestraw	Sr.
SS	**7**	**Erik Keys**	**Sr.**
FS	12	Trey Lewis	So.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	65	Drew Duffin	Fr.
DT	98	Temidayo Macarthy	Jr.
NT	**74**	**William Wise**	**Sr.**
DE	99	Kenny Meeks	So.
SLB	51	Anthony Corpuz	Sr.
MLB	48	Martin Dunbar	Sr.
WLB	28	Mike Dorulla	Jr.
CB	34	Lavell Mosley	So.
CB		Terrell Johnson	Fr.
SS	21	Chris Allen	Jr.
FS	1	Eddie Burk	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	20	Brian Jackson	Sr.
P	35	Chris Miller	So.
KR	86	Dante Love	So.
PR	3	B.J. Hill	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Brady Hoke
Record at School: 10–24 (3 years)
Career Record: 10–24 (3 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Ed Stults
Defensive Coordinator: Mark Smith
Muncie, Ind.
Ball State Stadium (22,500)

2006 SIGNEES

Travis Arnold	OL	6'8"	282	Fort Wayne, IN
Darrius Benham	DE	6'1"	250	Cartersville, GA
John Buckingham	LB/DE	6'1"	242	Greenwood, IN
Dane Cook	S	6'0"	185	Eaton, IN
Spain Cosby	FB/LB	5'11"	215	Carrollton, GA
Nate Davis	QB	6'2"	225	Bellaire, OH
Robert Eddins	DE/OLB	6'3"	210	Detroit, MI
Joe Everett	DB	6'0"	170	Middleburg, FL
Jakeem Gregory	DB	5'9"	175	Fort Wayne, IN
Kristopher Heard	DB/WR	5'10"	165	St. Louis, MO
Lance Helton	OL	6'5"	310	Wrightsville, GA
Brandon Houston	LB	6'2"	200	Cartersville, GA
Jason Jankowski	DE	6'2"	247	Hartland, WI
Terrell Johnson	DB	5'11"	188	Cartersville, GA
Alex Knipp	DB	6'0"	194	Amherst, OH
MiQuale Lewis	RB	5'6"	185	Fort Wayne, IN
John Purdy	OL	6'6"	360	Fort Wayne, IN
Kevin Steinhaus	TE	6'2"	235	Algonquin, IL
Eulas Taylor	WR	5'11"	164	Tennille, GA
Miles Trempe	WR	6'4"	205	Springfield, OH
Justin Woodard	DE/LB	6'3"	220	LaGrange, GA
Kaylon Woods	DE	6'2"	250	Jacksonville, FL

Ball State welcomes the top overall MAC prospect in Nate Davis and added some much-needed bulk along the offensive line. Davis accounted for 42 touchdowns and close to 3,000 yards during his senior season. He drew offers from Big Ten and Big East schools, but ultimately picked the Cardinals over Cincinnati and Toledo. Tailback Alex Knipp earned all-state honors after rushing for more than 2,000 yards during his junior and senior seasons. He will begin his college career at safety. Myles Trempe was a preseason top 40 prospect in Ohio before breaking his leg during his senior year. Prior to the injury, he was heavily recruited by Big Ten schools. Ball State, addressing the need for more size on the offensive line, signed two 310-pound-plus prospects. Justin Woodard is a speed defensive end prospect who picked Ball State over Kentucky and Southern Miss.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 4–7 (4–4 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 3	at Iowa	L	0–56	70,585
S. 10	Bowling Green	L	31–40	17,490
S. 17	at Auburn	L	3–63	78,427
O. 1	at Boston College	L	0–38	40,162
O. 8	at Western Michigan	W	(5ot) 60–57	18,183
O. 15	Toledo	L	14–34	16,533
O. 22	at Ohio	L	21–38	17,959
O. 29	at Northern Illinois	W	31–17	18,732
N. 5	Akron	W	23–17	10,401
N. 12	at Eastern Michigan	W	26–25	3,167
N. 19	Central Michigan	L	(ot) 24–31	7,386

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Joey Lynch	**314**	**198**	**1,982**	**18**	**7**
Warren Suess	**13**	**6**	**67**	**0**	**0**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Charles Wynn	127	533	4.2	3	
B.J. Hill	**82**	**420**	**5.1**	**2**	
Larry Bostic	**64**	**196**	**3.1**	**3**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Terry Moss	**36**	**420**	**11.7**	**4**	
Louis Johnson	**28**	**413**	**14.8**	**1**	

Kicking: Brian Jackson, 9-13 FGs, 26-27 XPs, 53 points
Tackles: Bryant Haines, 83; Brad Seiss, 81
Sacks: Blair Kramer, 5
Interceptions: Trey Lewis, 3

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast **92** | MAC West Prediction **3**

After recording the school's first winning season since 1998, Central Michigan is looking to take the next step in head coach Brian Kelly's third season.

"Now we have to play smarter football, we have to play championship level football," Kelly says. "We have pushed the bar higher each year and now we have to get over the bar. In year three we are looking to win a conference championship."

The Chippewas face a tough schedule to open the season with a home game against Boston College, a road game against Michigan and then a home contest against defending MAC champion Akron.

"I don't think there is anything physically different between us and the top teams in this league," Kelly says. "Mentally we have to develop that championship mentality."

Quarterbacks Quite possibly the key to the 2006 season will be the Chippewas' ability to replace record-setting quarterback Kent Smith. Third-year sophomore Brian Brunner threw only three passes last season as Smith's backup but did complete all three. He will enter fall as the likely candidate to replace Smith, but redshirt freshmen Dan LeFevour and Duane Brooks will both push for playing time and are both very athletic.

"I think we've got more than one quarterback on this team, and I am very confident in whoever comes out as the starter," Kelly says.

Running Backs Sophomore tailback Ontario Sneed emerged as one of the top runners in the MAC last season, and Kelly says the Illinois product is bigger and faster than he was in 2005. Depth, however, will be an issue after Anthony Boykins and Clifford Gilliam left the program in May due to academic issues. Incoming freshman Carl Volny is now the likely No. 2 back.

Receivers Maybe the most improved position on the CMU team is at wideout, where the Chippewas return two starters in Obed Cetoute and Damien Linson, while the speedy Jemmy Jasmin is a capable receiver, as well. Freshman Bryan Anderson has broken into the starting lineup and with his 6'4" frame and speed, he adds a dimension the Chippewas haven't had in years.

"Linson has become a playmaker in this league and has played big against big opponents," Kelly says. "Obed really came on late last year, and we are expecting some big things out of him this season."

Offensive Linemen Kelly knows that whoever he puts behind center will have plenty of protection with four starters back, including NFL prospects Joe Staley at left tackle and Drew Mormino at center. Either Adam Antonides or Adam Benke will move into the left guard position, but Kelly also says true freshman Jeff Maddux could play right away.

Defensive Linemen Reigning MAC Defensive Player of the Year Dan Bazuin is a force at defensive end for CMU and anchors a front four that returns three starters. Bazuin set the school record for tackles for a loss and sacks last season.

"I'd say the defensive line is the strength of our football team," Kelly says. "We are really deep at defensive end, and we have players like (redshirt freshman) Larry Knight that we can't keep off the field."

The only question on the line is at the nose tackle spot, where Ronnie Ekdahl moves in as the starter.

NUMBERS GAME

7–29 Central Michigan is 7–29 on the road since 2000. Road games will be key for CMU this season, as the Chippewas play seven of them.

Linebackers All three starters are back, including Thomas 'Red' Keith, but the unsung hero is senior Doug Kress, who took over as the starter early last season and stayed there the rest of the year. Isaac Brown is a physical player who Kelly says is as intimidating a defensive player as he has ever had. "We are six deep at inside linebacker and Red has just great knowledge of the game; he's the catalyst of the defense," Kelly says.

Defensive Backs The Chippewas will start two new cornerbacks this season as Pacino Horne moves from safety to corner and redshirt freshman Josh Gordy will play the other corner. "We wanted to get taller and more physical at the cornerback position," Kelly says. Curtis Cutts returns as one starting safety while Aaron Carr and Eric Fraser will both play at the other safety.

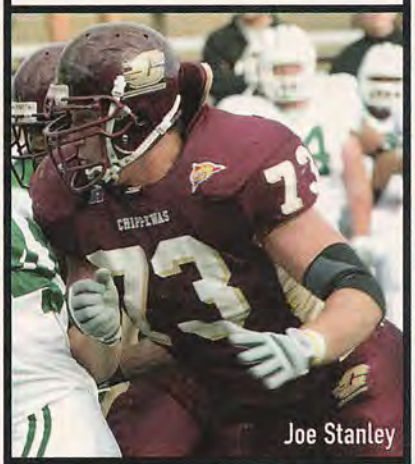
CMU signed 12 defensive backs, and Kelly says six of those will come in during the summer to try and earn a spot in the rotation. "I'd like to see us get one cornerback and one safety out of that group of recruits that can play right away," Kelly says.

Specialists Sophomore Rick Albreski appears to be stronger this season and will handle the kicking duties, while Tony Mikulec returns as the punter. Jasmin will return kicks and punts.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE CHIPPEWAS

In his second season, coach Brian Kelly delivered CMU's first winning season since 1998. However, Kelly lost the triggerman to his high-octane spread offense. The graduation of quarterback Kent Smith leaves the Chippewas with a giant hole to fill. Sophomore Brian Brunner is solid but not flashy, while redshirt freshmen Duane Brooks and Dan LeFevour seem to have Kelly's interest with their athletic ability. The good news is that the rest of the offense returns intact, led by four returning starters on the offensive line and some explosive receivers on the outside. Sophomore tailback Ontario Sneed has proven he can be one of the top backs in the Mid-American Conference. On defense, the Chippewas have a new coordinator, Joe Tresey, and return six starters from a front seven — anchored by defensive end Dan Bazuin — that led the MAC in run defense. However, the Chippewas ranked 10th in the league in pass defense, allowing opponents 280.7 yards through the air. The top three cornerbacks from last year have left the team, which means the Chippewas will be starting over in the defensive backfield. It's an area that must improve if CMU wants to contend for the MAC title.



Joe Stanley

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	31	Boston College	L
S.	9	at Michigan	L
S.	**16**	**Akron**	*
S.	23	at Eastern Michigan	W
S.	30	at Kentucky	L
O.	7	at Toledo	L
O.	**14**	**Ball State**	*
O.	19	Bowling Green	W
N.	4	at Temple	W
N.	10	Western Michigan	W
N.	17	at Northern Illinois	L
N.	24	at Buffalo	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

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2006 CENTRAL MICHIGAN ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
8 Brooks, Duane	QB	5'10"	174	Fr.	Irving, TX
18 Brunner, Brian	QB	6'2"	236	So.	Hubertus, WI
13 LeFevour, Dan	QB	6'3"	215	Fr.	Downers Grove, IL
15 Molnar, Charley	QB	6'1"	197	So.	Terra Haute, IN
11 Price, Sean	QB	6'1"	197	Fr.	Park Ridge, IL
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
23 Doane, Troy	RB	6'0"	214	So.	Armada, MI
39 Doman, Victor	FB	6'1"	227	Jr.	Ann Arbor, MI
37 Hopkins, L.J.	RB	5'11"	191	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
27 Luchie, Kemp	RB	5'10"	211	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
34 Sneed, Ontario	RB	5'11"	203	So.	Decatur, IL
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
87 Anderson, Bryan	WR	6'4"	200	Fr.	Rockford, MI
89 Bockheim, Joe	WR	6'3"	191	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
88 Cétoute, Obed	WR	6'4"	212	Sr.	Montreal, PQ
84 Condeni, Dave	TE	6'3"	233	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI
80 Gardner, Justin	WR	6'2"	190	Jr.	Kalamazoo, MI
2 Jasmin, Jemmy	WR	5'8"	162	Jr.	Miami, FL
3 Linson, Damien	WR	5'11"	184	Sr.	Plymouth, NC
81 Martin, Darren	WR	6'4"	205	So.	New Orleans, LA
83 Moore, Andre	TE	6'2"	221	So.	Chicago, IL
86 Ollenburger, Allen	TE	6'3"	236	Fr.	Charlotte, MI
16 Pitts, Jean	WR	5'10"	171	Fr.	Lansing, MI
45 Williams, Sam	TE	6'4"	216	Fr.	Westland, MI
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
57 Antonides, Adam	OL	6'4"	271	Fr.	Lapeer, MI
68 Barbaglia, Mark	OL	6'5"	278	So.	West Windsor, NJ
60 Benke, Adam	OL	6'5"	314	So.	Stevensville, MI
56 Cribbs, Andrew	OL	6'5"	309	So.	Muskegon, MI
65 Decker, Mike	OL	6'1"	278	Jr.	Rochester Hills, MI
70 Gilbert, Jeff	OL	6'7"	302	Fr.	West Chicago, IL
74 Hartline, Andrew	OL	6'5"	285	So.	Baroda, MI
78 Mormino, Drew	OL	6'4"	301	Sr.	Buffalo Grove, IL
71 Raffaeli, Michael	OL	6'5"	298	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
73 Staley, Joe	OL	6'5"	299	Sr.	Rockford, MI
69 Tunney, Eric	OL	6'3"	290	Jr.	Alger, MI
77 Wojt, Greg	OL	6'4"	282	So.	Mississauga, ON
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
50 Archer, Antrione	DE	6'2"	229	So.	Tennille, GA
93 Bazuin, Dan	DE	6'3"	269	Sr.	McBain, MI
91 Boss, Chris	DT	6'3"	281	So.	Sandersville, GA
97 Brownie, Evan	DT	6'2"	260	So.	Petoskey, MI
58 Burnam, De'Onte	DE	6'0"	253	Jr.	Vienna, GA
96 Delano, Alan	DT	6'0"	267	Jr.	Port Huron, MI
51 Droscha, Casey	DT	6'1"	257	So.	Mason, MI
92 Ekdahl, Ronnie	DT	6'2"	291	So.	Midland, MI
94 Friend, Steven	DT	6'2"	284	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
49 Hoskin, Daimyeon	DE	6'3"	215	Fr.	Irving, TX
95 Knight, Larry	DE	6'3"	224	Fr.	Augusta, GA
52 Ogle, Mike	DE	6'2"	244	Sr.	Caledonia, MI
90 Telfer, Philip	DT	6'3"	251	So.	Lake Worth, FL
85 Zombo, Frank	DE	6'4"	244	Fr.	Sterling Heights, MI
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
42 Bower, Harland	LB	6'2"	227	Fr.	Clermont, FL
6 Brown, Isaac	LB	5'11"	204	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
41 Keith, Thomas	LB	5'11"	239	Jr.	Franklin, GA
46 Kress, Doug	LB	6'1"	240	Sr.	Lapeer, MI
26 Lapsley, Jonathan	LB	6'1"	222	So.	Ft. Wayne, IN
53 Miles, Barron	LB	6'2"	193	Fr.	DeSoto, TX
99 Williams, Leython	LB	5'11"	227	Sr.	Detroit, MI
55 Wohlgamuth, Chris	LB	6'0"	246	So.	St. Joseph, MI
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
22 Carr, Aaron	DB	6'1"	184	Fr.	Grand Prairie, TX
10 Cutts, Curtis	DB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Ford City, PA
12 Fraser, Eric	DB	6'0"	199	Fr.	Burnaby, BC
19 Gordy, Josh	DB	5'11"	193	Fr.	Warthen, GA
20 Hissong, Calvin	DB	6'4"	198	Fr.	Haslett, MI
7 Horne, Pacino	DB	5'11"	191	Sr.	Ypsilanti, MI
21 Kern, Marcel	DB	5'11"	184	Fr.	Rochester Hills, MI
33 Lawrence, David	DB	6'0"	200	So.	Kalamazoo, MI
47 McClure, Kenneth	DB	6'3"	194	Fr.	DeWitt, MI
31 Poole, Kristopher	DB	5'8"	164	Fr.	Detroit, MI
36 Robinson, Terrance	DB	5'6"	181	Sr.	Flint, MI
25 Ruger, Jason	DB	5'11"	188	So.	Opalocka, FL
30 Schumacher, Justin	DB	5'8"	163	Fr.	Reese, MI
82 Siebert, Benjamin	DB	6'2"	192	Jr.	Holt, MI
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
54 Albert, David	LS	6'2"	225	Jr.	Belding, MI
28 Albreski, Rick	K	6'0"	151	So.	Glendale Heights, IL
94 Angelocci, Mark	P	6'2"	177	So.	Novi, MI
38 Husek, Daniel	K	5'9"	204	Fr.	Royal Oak, MI
47 Knudson, Craig	LS	6'0"	243	Sr.	Royal Oak, MI
35 Mikulec, Tony	P	5-8	214	Jr.	Highland, MI

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**3**	**Damien Linson**	**Sr.**
WR	**88**	**Obed Cetoute**	**Sr.**
WR	87	Bryan Anderson	Fr.
LT	**73**	**Joe Staley**	**Sr.**
LG	60	Adam Benke	So.
C	**78**	**Drew Mormino**	**Sr.**
RG	**69**	**Eric Tunney**	**Jr.**
RT	**74**	**Andrew Hartline**	**So.**
TE	83	Andre Moore	So.
QB	18	Brian Brunner	So.
RB	**34**	**Ontario Sneed**	**So.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	16	Jean Pitts	Fr.
WR	80	Justin Gardner	Jr.
WR	2	Jemmy Jasmin	Jr.
LT	68	Mark Barbaglia	So.
LG	57	Adam Antonides	Fr.
C	65	Mike Decker	Jr.
RG	56	Andrew Cribbs	So.
RT	70	Jeff Gilbert	Fr.
TE	84	Dave Condeni	Sr.
QB	13	Dan LeFevour	Fr.
RB		Carl Volny	Fr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**93**	**Dan Bazuin**	**Sr.**
DT	**94**	**Steven Friend**	**Jr.**
NG	92	Ronnie Ekdahl	So.
DE	**58**	**De'Onte Burnam**	**Jr.**
LB	**6**	**Isaac Brown**	**Sr.**
LB	**41**	**Thomas Keith**	**Jr.**
LB	**46**	**Doug Kress**	**Sr.**
CB	**7**	**Pacino Horne**	**Sr.**
CB	19	Josh Gordy	Fr.
SS	10	Curtis Cutts	Jr.
FS	22	Aaron Carr	Fr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	52	Mike Ogle	Sr.
DT	90	Philip Telfer	So.
NG	91	Chris Boss	So.
DE	95	Larry Knight	Fr.
LB	26	Jonathan Lapsley	So.
LB	99	Leython Williams	Sr.
LB	55	Chris Wohlgamuth	So.
CB		Tommy Mama	Fr.
CB	36	Terrance Robinson	Sr.
SS	25	Jason Ruger	So.
FS	12	Eric Fraser	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	28	Rick Albreski	So.
P	35	Tony Mikulec	Jr.
KR	2	Jemmy Jasmin	Jr.
PR	2	Jemmy Jasmin	Jr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Brian Kelly
Record at School: 10–12 (2 years)
Career Record: 128–47–2 (15 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Jeff Quinn
Defensive Coordinator: Joe Tresey
Mount Pleasant, Mich.
Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,199)

2006 SIGNEES

Vince Agnew	DB	5'10"	175	Grand Rapids, MI
Marcel Archer	RB	5'11"	195	Miami, FL
Dannie Bolden	DB	6'0"	170	Lansing, MI
Cam Bramer	FB	6'0"	187	Olivet, MI
Tim Brazzel	DB	5'11"	170	Smyrna, GA
Levi Brezee	OL	6'7"	270	Chelsea, MI
Mike Canfield	QB	6'1"	217	Lansing, MI
Donald Connelly	LB	6'0"	220	Farmington Hills, MI
Keith Dixson	DB	6'2"	180	Flint, MI
Kirkston Edwards	DB	6'2"	175	Wellington, FL
Brett Hartmann	K/P	6'3"	218	Menomonee Falls, WI
Robby Leith	WR	6'4"	192	Ventura, CA
Jeff Maddux	OL	6'3"	302	Temperance, MI
Tommy Mama	DB	5'10"	171	Miramar, FL
E.J. McLaughlin	DB	6'0"	185	E. Grand Rapids, MI
Colin Miller	OL	6'3"	270	Centreville, VA
Chris Morris	WR	5'10"	170	Plano, TX
Sean Murnane	DL	6'3"	240	Green Oaks, IL
Kito Poblah	DB	6'1"	174	Miramar, FL
Anthony Quinn	TE	6'4"	240	Grand Rapids, MI
Bobby Seay	DB	5'10"	175	Pembroke Pines, FL
Matt Torres	WR	6'1"	185	Naples, FL
Xavier Torres	DB	5'11"	180	Chicago, IL
Carl Volny	RB	5'10"	180	Miramar, FL
Chaz West	DB	5'10"	170	Pompano Beach, FL
Josh Wilkins	DB	5'11"	175	Riviera Beach, FL

After its top three defensive backs from last season left the team, the Central Michigan staff wanted to make sure there was plenty of depth at that position. Coach Brian Kelly inked 12 defensive backs to headline a class that adds size, speed and athletic ability to a position that was lacking those qualities. Tommy Mama, from Miramar, Fla., is a solid 5'10", 171-pounder who could see action earlier. Kelly says not all of those athletes will stay in the secondary as some could move to linebacker or to the other side of the ball. The Chippewas also maintained their presence in Michigan by signing the top quarterback in the state in Lansing Everett's Mike Canfield. Kelly also inked highly touted offensive lineman Jeff Maddux, who could play right away.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 6–5 (5–3 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 2	Indiana	L	13–20	22,212
S. 10	at Miami (Ohio)	W	38–37	16,956
S. 17	at Penn State	L	3–40	100,276
S. 24	Eastern Michigan	L (ot)	20–23	15,013
O. 1	at Akron	W	31–17	10,093
O. 8	at Army	W	14–10	31,018
O. 15	Ohio	W	37–10	16,017
O. 29	Toledo	W	21–17	12,801
N. 5	Northern Illinois	L	28–31	13,812
N. 12	at Western Michigan	L	24–31	23,484
N. 19	at Ball State	W (ot)	31–24	7,386

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Kent Smith	420	255	2,799	16	6
Brian Brunner	**3**	**3**	**21**	**0**	**0**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Ontario Sneed	**220**	**1,065**	**4.8**	**8**	
Kent Smith	157	443	2.8	7	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Justin Harper	64	607	9.5	4	
Damien Linson	**56**	**832**	**14.9**	**4**	
Ontario Sneed	**51**	**433**	**8.5**	**3**	

Kicking: Rick Albreski, 10-19 FGs, 31-32 XPs, 61 points
Tackles: Thomas Keith, 104; Dan Bazuin, 74
Sacks: Dan Bazuin, 16
Interceptions: Thomas Keith, 4

Returning Players in Bold

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After starting 2005 with a 3–2 record, Eastern Michigan lost five straight and fell out of contention in the Mid-American Conference.

Third-year coach Jeff Genyk says the losing streak points to the fact that his team has to learn how to finish.

"We were in a lot of games but just couldn't find ways to win them," Genyk says. "We lost by 10 points combined to Miami (Ohio), Western Michigan and Ball State. If we win those games, it's a different year."

The Eagles will have to try to win this year without the services of quarterback Matt Bohnet, who graduated, and with a defense that is solid but very young — especially in the secondary.

Quarterbacks The good news for the Eagles is that Tyler Jones saw action in nine games last season and started one. He completed a nifty 63 percent of his passes and adds an athletic dimension to the quarterback position. Jones threw for 245 yards on 41-of-65 passing with two scores and one interception. He also ran for 267 yards, which ranked second on the EMU squad.

However, Genyk isn't ready to anoint Jones the starter just yet.

"Tyler has a slight edge on the other quarterbacks in camp because he has game experience," Genyk says. "But we are really having a competitive battle for the starting spot."

Redshirt freshmen Dontayo Gage and Andy Schmitt are also vying for the starting spot, and Genyk says he is confident the Eagles will have solid depth at this position.

Running Backs The Eagles struggled to find a running game all last season, and Genyk says he is determined to find a tailback who can carry the load. "We are going to have an open competition for that running back spot, because we want to have the best one out there," Genyk says.

Pierre Walker is a speedy little back at 5'7" but missed spring practice with an injury. Corey Everson, a 5'11", 195-pound redshirt freshman, has caught the eye of Genyk early on, but expect the Eagles to go into fall camp with any number of options. Genyk even hints that a true freshman could come in and play right away.

Receivers This is the strength of the Eagle offense. Eric Deslauriers returns for his senior season after catching 75 passes for 874 yards and eight touchdowns last year. Trumaine Riley and Travis Lewis are also both experienced wide receivers who will help a young quarterback settle into Genyk's system.

Ken Bohnet, Matt's brother, is a big target at tight end, and Genyk wants to incorporate him in the offense even more.

"Ken ran a 4.69 40-yard dash, bench presses 400 pounds and can really be a weapon for us at tight end this year," Genyk says.

Offensive Linemen The Eagles return three starters on the offensive line, with senior left tackle Courtney Ford leading the way. Genyk and his staff must find a center and a right tackle. This unit must improve in order for the ground game to take a step in the right direction.

NUMBERS GAME

69 The Eagles have beaten Central Michigan in back-to-back seasons for the first time in 69 years.

Defensive Linemen Genyk is very high on his defensive line, with Jason Jones, Josh Hunt and Kevin Howe all back from last year.

"Jones and Hunt, I think, is the best defensive tackle tandem in the league," Genyk says.

Howe led the team with 10.5 sacks on the season. Junior Corey Riley will is the favorite to land the other end spot.

Linebackers This is where the Eagle defense shows its teeth, with three players who saw plenty of action last season. Mike Richardson, on the weak side, finished with 102 tackles last season and three tackles for a loss, while Daniel Holtzclaw was third on the team with 91 tackles and 5.5 tackles for a loss. The third spot is held down by Darran Matthews, who had 64 tackles last season.

"We are very athletic in the linebackers, maybe a little undersized but athletic and fast," Genyk says.

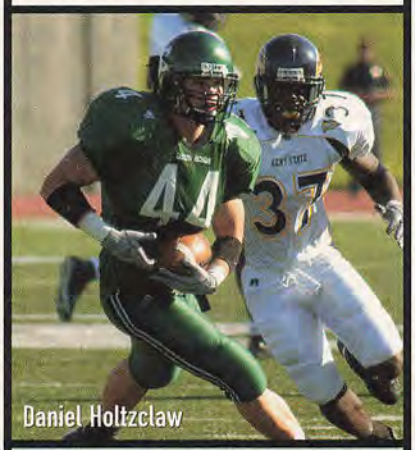
Defensive Backs The Eagles are extremely young in the secondary, with Colorado transfer Corey Reid already stepping in as the unit's best player. He'll start at one corner Lyle Garrison is a small cornerback at 5'7", while free safety Chris May is a redshirt freshman. Strong safety Jacob Wyatt played in every game in 2005 and finished with 12 tackles.

Specialists Andrew Wellock is one of the top kickers in the league, but he missed two extra points last year at crucial times, and he converted only four of his eight attempts between 40 and 49 yards. The Eagles could use a bit more accuracy from long range. Wellock also will handle the punting chores after averaging 38.3 yards per attempt last season.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE EAGLES

In Jeff Genyk's second year, the Eagles made another step in the right direction with a solid 3–2 start before losing five straight — including three games by a total of 10 points. EMU will have to replace starting quarterback Matt Bohnet, who graduated, and while Tyler Jones did see action last season, it isn't his job automatically. Jones does add a running dimension to the Eagle offense, which struggled to find any room on the ground last season. The strength of the offense is wide receiver, where all-conference candidate Eric Deslauriers returns for his senior season and is flanked by two other veteran wideouts. The defense is strong up front, with Josh Hunt, Jason Jones and Kevin Howe on the line. At linebacker the Eagles are young and talented, but the key to the defense will be the secondary, where EMU is young and inexperienced. The running game is still a big issue after EMU totaled only 1,355 yards as a team a year ago. Jones is the leading returning rusher, and top prospect Pierre Walker has been injured. If the Eagles can find a running game and gain experience in the secondary quickly, there is hope for another step under Genyk. If not, the Eagles could find themselves taking a step backwards.



Daniel Holtzclaw

Richard Schwarze

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	31	at Ball State	L
S.	9	at Michigan State	L
S.	16	at Northwestern	L
S.	23	Central Michigan	L
S.	30	at UL Lafayette	L
O.	**14**	**at Bowling Green**	*
O.	21	Toledo	L
O.	**28**	**at Western Michigan**	*
N.	**4**	**Ohio**	*
N.	11	Navy	L
N.	18	at Kent State	W
N.	24	Northern Illinois	L

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 EASTERN MICHIGAN ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
12 Cranor, Korey	QB	5'11"	197	Jr.	Blissfield, MI
2 Gage, Dontayo	QB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Pontiac, MI
8 Jones, Tyler	QB	6'1"	213	So.	Belleville, MI
7 Schmitt, Andy	QB	6'4"	215	Fr.	St. John's, MI
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
5 Connor, Tim	RB	5'10"	185	So.	Cleveland, OH
31 Corey Everson	RB	5'11"	195	Fr.	Detroit, MI
24 Harrison, Dwayne	RB	5'9"	195	So.	N. Miami Beach, FL
20 Ogundare, Olufemi	RB	5'8"	195	Fr.	Sugarland, TX
32 Walker, Pierre	RB	5'7"	197	Sr.	Detroit, MI
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
16 Bohnet, Ken	TE	6'5"	238	Jr.	Grand Ledge, MI
81 Bonner, John	WR	6'3"	185	So.	Dayton, OH
87 Brown, Reggie	WR	6'0"	160	So.	Detroit, MI
10 Ceckiewicz, Brian	WR	6'3"	202	Jr.	Inkster, MI
19 Deslauriers, Eric	WR	6'4"	206	Sr.	Gatineau, PQ
82 Headen, Jason	TE	6'3"	203	So.	Detroit, MI
89 Larkins, Chris	TE	6'2"	247	So.	Hollywood, FL
3 Lewis, Travis	WR	6'2"	197	Jr.	Kalamazoo, MI
86 Montemayor, R.J.	TE	6'4"	226	Sr.	Groveton, TX
47 Neely, John	WR	6'1"	191	Jr.	Detroit, MI
85 Riley, Trumaine	WR	5'8"	164	Sr.	Akron, OH
80 Stone, Jacory	WR	6'1"	185	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
68 Bleeker, Jake	T	6'5"	312	So.	Plainwell, MI
74 Charles, Joe	G	6'0"	309	Jr.	Coral Springs, FL
70 Egbuogu, Greg	OL	6'3"	314	Jr.	Belleville, MI
75 Ford, Courtney	T	6'5"	267	Sr.	Wilmington, DE
60 Fretz, Andy	T	6'3"	250	Fr.	Kalamazoo, MI
73 Mayner, Desi	C	6'2"	272	So.	Gaines, MI
58 Minor, Kevin	C	6'2"	260	Sr.	Flint, MI
64 Petersen, Ross	G	6'6"	271	Fr.	Homewood, IL
77 Schmeding, Tom	T	6'5"	308	Jr.	Jersey City, NJ
71 Thomas, Chris	G	6'4"	320	Jr.	Carlisle, PA
63 Walton, Khalid	G	6'3"	304	Jr.	Southfield, MI
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
98 Allan Cozart	DT	5'9"	250	So.	Detroit, MI
79 Downer, Christopher	DL	5'10"	222	Jr.	Southfield, MI
88 Howe, Kevin	DE	6'3"	242	Sr.	Grand Haven, MI
91 Hunt, Josh	DT	6'6"	275	Jr.	Jackson, MI
83 Jones, Jason	DT	6'5"	247	Jr.	Southfield, MI
93 Lang, T.J.	DT	6'5"	255	So.	Ferndale, MI
55 Lyons, Mackenzie	DE	6'3"	219	So.	Detroit, MI
13 Riley, Corey	DE	6'3"	211	Jr.	Boynton Beach, FL
94 Young, Eric	DE	6'1"	235	Jr.	Shiocton, WI
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
31 Everson, Corey	LB	5'11"	195	Fr.	Detroit, MI
44 Holtzclaw, Daniel	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Enid, OK
46 Jackson, Korey	LB	6'0"	202	So.	Haslett, MI
42 Matthews, Darran	LB	6'0"	200	Jr.	Redford, MI
11 Richardson, Michael	LB	6'1"	205	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
54 Selman, Cortland	LB	6'2"	215	Jr.	Detroit, MI
41 Smith, Spenser	LB	6'2"	205	So.	Detroit, MI
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
6 Alejo, Victor	DB	5'11"	172	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
4 Bracey, Duan	DB/WR	5'9"	187	Jr.	Detroit, MI
34 Brown, Todd	DB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Dania, FL
26 Bryant, Zedrick	DB	6'0"	191	Jr.	Immokalee, FL
43 Campa, Chris	FS	6'2"	200	Fr.	Orlando, FL
30 Garrison, Lyle	CB	5'7"	150	So.	Beavercreek, OH
39 Glenn, Aaron	DB	5'9"	178	Jr.	Detroit, MI
35 May, Chris	FS	6'0"	190	Fr.	Jupiter, FL
23 Reid, Corey	CB	5'9"	180	So.	Detroit, MI
14 Smith, Blake	SS	6'0"	177	Jr.	Detroit, MI
21 Wyatt, Jacob	SS	6'2"	170	So.	Lansing, MI
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
53 Topolinski, Jerry	LS	6'1"	229	Jr.	Grand Blanc, MI
40 Wellock, Andrew	K/P	5'11"	182	Sr.	Canton, OH

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**19**	**Eric Deslauriers**	**Sr.**
WR	**3**	**Travis Lewis**	**Jr.**
WR	85	Trumaine Riley	Sr.
LT	**75**	**Courtney Ford**	**Sr.**
LG	**63**	**Khalid Walton**	**Jr.**
C	73	Desi Mayner	So.
RG	**71**	**Chris Thomas**	**Jr.**
RT	77	Tom Schmeding	Jr.
TE	16	Ken Bohnet	Jr.
QB	8	Tyler Jones	So.
RB	32	Pierre Walker	Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	17	John Bonner	So.
WR	80	Jacory Stone	Fr.
WR	10	Brian Ceckiewicz	Jr.
LT	60	Andy Fretz	Fr.
LG	74	Joe Charles	Jr.
C	**58**	**Kevin Minor**	**Sr.**
RG	64	Ross Petersen	Fr.
RT	68	Jake Bleeker	So.
TE	86	R.J. Montemayor	Sr.
QB	2	Dontayo Gage	Fr.
RB	31	Corey Everson	Fr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**88**	**Kevin Howe**	**Sr.**
DT	**83**	**Jason Jones**	**Jr.**
DT	**91**	**Josh Hunt**	**Jr.**
DE	13	Corey Riley	Jr.
LB	**11**	**Michael Richardson**	**Sr.**
LB	**44**	**Daniel Holtzclaw**	**So.**
LB	**42**	**Darran Matthews**	**Jr.**
CB	30	Lyle Garrison	So.
CB	23	Corey Reid	So.
SS	21	Jacob Wyatt	So.
FS	35	Chris May	Fr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	55	Mackenzie Lyons	So.
DT	98	Allan Cozart	So.
DT	93	T.J. Lang	So.
DE	94	Eric Young	Jr.
LB	46	Korey Jackson	So.
LB	54	Cortland Selman	Jr.
LB	41	Spenser Smith	So.
CB	48	Tyrone Burke	Fr.
CB	**4**	**Duan Bracey**	**Jr.**
SS	14	Blake Smith	Jr.
FS	43	Chris Campa	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	40	Andrew Wellock	Sr.
P	40	Andrew Wellock	Sr.
KR	85	Trumaine Riley	Sr.
PR	4	Duan Bracey	Jr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Jeff Genyk
Record at School: 8–14 (2 years)
Career Record: 8–14 (2 years)
Offensive Coordinator: Howard Feggins
Defensive Coordinator: Jay Peterson
Ypsilanti, Mich.
Rynearson Stadium (30,200)

2006 SIGNEES

Clint Allen	RB	6'1"	195	Muskegon, MI
Michael Almond	DB	6'0"	175	Milpitas, CA
Tyrone Burke	DB	6'1"	185	Syracuse, NY
Anthony Daniels	TE	6'3"	240	Detroit, MI
Ryan Downard	DB	6'1"	195	Lima, OH
Sam Emedobi	DT	6'4"	240	Fort Wayne, IN
Richard Franklin	RB	5'11"	195	Ann Arbor, MI
Andre Hatchett	LB	5'11"	190	Indianapolis, IN
Derrick Hunter	WR	6'0"	180	Southfield, MI
Paul Johnson	OL	6'6"	280	Naples, FL
Stephen Johnson	DT	6'5"	260	Holt, MI
Andy Krevis	DE	6'3"	250	Northbridge, MA
Dudley LaPorte	TE	6'4"	235	Stratford, CT
Josh LeDuc	TE	6'3"	209	Canton, MI
Mark Mitchell	DB	5'11"	180	Blissfield, MI
Brandon Pratt	LB	6'2"	190	Wayne, MI
Chris Radney	DT	6'3"	245	Detroit, MI
L.J. Robertson	RB	6'1"	200	Sterling Heights, MI
Tom Schmeding	OL	6'7"	308	Jersey City, NJ
Antwain Weeden	WR	6'1"	185	Indianapolis, IN
DeAnthony White	RB	5'8"	165	Kennesaw, GA
Eric Young	DE	6'2"	235	Shiocton, WI

After playing 11 true freshmen in his first year and eight last year, Jeff Genyk is hoping fewer freshmen will have to play from this recruiting class as the Eagles try to build some depth. However, with an anemic run game, the Eagles did sign four running backs, including Richard Franklin, an Ann Arbor native who could see the field this season. Linebacker Andre Hatchett, from Warren Central in Indianapolis, is a player the Eagles are also high on. He fits the mold of small but quick linebacker that Genyk likes to use in his defensive scheme. The Eagles also signed four defensive backs to help build depth in an inexperienced secondary. "The thing I was really happy with is that we got almost every player that was at the top of our board for each position,"

2005 RESULTS

Record: 4–7 (3–5 MAC)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	1	at Cincinnati	L	26–28	21,458
S.	10	UL Lafayette	W	31–10	5,628
S.	17	at Michigan	L	0–55	109,511
S.	24	at Central Michigan	W	(ot) 23–20	15,013
O.	1	Kent State	W	27–20	6,294
O.	8	at Toledo	L	3–30	25,266
O.	15	at Northern Illinois	L	8–24	27,641
O.	22	Miami (Ohio)	L	23–24	5,785
N.	5	Western Michigan	L	36–44	11,191
N.	12	Ball State	L	25–26	3,167
N.	19	at Buffalo	W	38–14	6,423

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Matt Bohnet	351	220	2,181	14	5
Tyler Jones	**65**	**41**	**245**	**2**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Anthony Sherrell	89	442	5.0	3	
Tyler Jones	**67**	**267**	**4.0**	**1**	
Matt Bohnet	78	250	3.2	3	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Eric Deslauriers	**75**	**874**	**11.7**	**8**	
A.J. Bennett	60	511	8.5	4	

Kicking: Andrew Wellock, 18-25 FGs, 22-24 XPs, 76 points
Tackles: Rontrell Woodruff, 110; Michael Richardson, 102
Sacks: Kevin Howe, 10.5
Interceptions: Daniel Holtzclaw, 5

Returning Players in Bold

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Northern Illinois is primed for another stellar season with 13 starters returning from last year's MAC West Division championship squad. Respected coach Joe Novak, entering his 11th season, emphasized the need for the defense to get stronger, faster and more athletic to avoid another season filled with shootouts. At times the Huskies played seven freshmen on defense last year. The extra season of growth and confidence should lead to a more dependable defense. The offense won't have any problems scoring points with star tailback Garrett Wolfe returning. The Huskies have high expectations, and they'll be tested with road games at Ohio State and Iowa.

Quarterbacks The quarterback competition might not be solved until the conference season. As a junior, Phil Horvath led the NCAA in pass completion percentage (.706) and threw 18 touchdown passes. However, Horvath sat out the final three games because of a broken arm. The injury opened the door for then-freshman Dan Nicholson. The Huskies didn't miss a beat, as Nicholson's strong arm brought another dimension to the offense. Nicholson helped the Huskies break an 11-game losing streak against Toledo. Novak prefers seniors but hasn't ruled out starting Nicholson, even mentioning the prospect of playing two quarterbacks.

Running Backs Three years after Michael "The Burner" Turner gained national headlines, Wolfe might surpass his former teammate and make a run for All-America honors. Wolfe sat out the entire spring with a right shoulder injury. He missed three games last year due to a knee injury but still managed to rush for 1,580 yards. Wolfe, the nation's leading returning rusher, netted 270 yards in the MAC title game despite enduring a painful shoulder injury. The senior is expected to be healthy for the upcoming season, but Novak plans on lowering his number of carries.

Receivers The Huskies are without a big-time receiver for the first time in almost a decade, but the position isn't lacking talent. Sophomore Britt Davis made a successful transition from quarterback to receiver last fall. Sophomore Marcus Perez had a solid freshman season but sat out last year due to academic problems. Perez and Orlando Moore help form the fastest group of wide receivers in Novak's tenure.

Tight end Jake Nordin is being touted as an NFL prospect.

Offensive Linemen Senior left tackle Doug Free has the potential to be the highest-drafted player in school history. Nicknamed "Doug Freak" because of his speed and athleticism, Free anchors the offensive line. The line won't be as dominating with the graduation of Brian Van Acker, Ben Lueck and Jake Ebenhoch.

Jon Brost was a pleasant surprise at right tackle after starter Matt Rogers was ruled academically ineligible prior to the opener. Rogers, who is back, moves over to right guard. The Huskies must get dependable play from freshman center Eddie Adamski.

NUMBERS GAME

3,236 Senior tailback Garrett Wolfe has 3,236 rushing yards in 20 career games. Wolfe gained 1,656 yards in 2004 and rushed for 1,580 yards last year.

Defensive Linemen The defensive front is the strongest and deepest area on the Huskies' defense. A long-time weakness has finally turned into a strength with quality recruits filling the void in recent years. Senior left end Ken West and sophomore right end Larry English should cause problems with their speed. Sophomore Craig Rusch slides to tackle, and Zack Holycross has the inside track at nose tackle.

Linebackers Last year the Huskies rotated four freshmen in the three starting spots. The defense finally started showing signs of improvement late in the season. Middle linebacker Tim McCarthy had 101 tackles in 11 games. Freshman David Bryant hasn't played a down of college football but is already penciled in as a starter on the weak side. Sophomore Phil Brown and senior Keenan Blalark will compete for the strong-side spot.

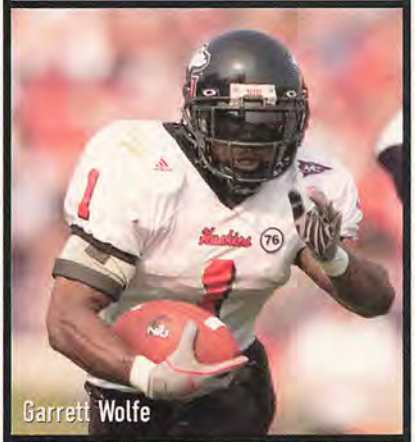
Defensive Backs The secondary should be an improved unit with an added year of experience and a host of talented newcomers. Twin brothers Alvah and Adriel Hansbro will man the two starting cornerback spots. Free safety Dustin Utschig brings leadership and playmaking ability, while strong safety Mark Reiter takes over for first-team All-MAC pick Ray Smith.

Specialists The special teams, an annual point of emphasis for Novak, is very strong, with kicker Chris Nendick and punter Andy Dittbenner. Nendick enters the season with a streak of 94 straight PATs, and he's been remarkably steady during his first two years. Dittbenner should be more consistent after a rocky freshman season.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE HUSKIES

Northern Illinois took another step up the mid-major ladder with its sixth straight winning season and first-ever trip to the MAC Championship Game. Despite losing several key offensive standouts, the Huskies have a chance to surpass last year's accomplishments. Northern Illinois 11th-year coach Joe Novak has a tough decision to make at quarterback. Senior Phil Horvath missed the last three games because of a season-ending broken arm. Sophomore Dan Nicholson brought a new dimension to the offense with a stronger arm, but Novak prefers experienced quarterbacks. Regardless of the quarterback, the Huskie offense should have no trouble scoring points with tailback Garrett Wolfe returning. The offensive line must replace two All-MAC performers, but senior tackle Doug Free, a preseason third-team All-American, headlines a quality group of returnees. An inexperienced corps of receivers must mature and deliver immediately to take the pressure off Wolfe. Last year the Huskies were forced to play numerous freshmen on defense. The 2006 version should be a significant upgrade with more depth and speed along the defensive line, athleticism at linebacker and experience in the secondary.



Garrett Wolfe

Scott Walstrom

2006 SCHEDULE

S.	2	at Ohio State	L
S.	9	Ohio	W
S.	16	Buffalo	W
S.	23	Indiana State	W
S.	30	at Ball State	W
O.	**7**	**at Miami (Ohio)**	*
O.	14	at Western Michigan	W
O.	21	Temple	W
O.	28	at Iowa	L
N.	**7**	**Toledo**	*
N.	17	Central Michigan	W
N.	24	at Eastern Michigan	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

2006 NORTHERN ILLINOIS ROSTER

	Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
3	Horvath, Phil	QB	6'3"	197	Sr.	Naperville, IL
10	Morris, Ryan	QB	6'2"	177	Fr.	West Chicago, IL
19	Nicholson, Dan	QB	6'2"	183	So.	Chicago, IL
	Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
21	Anderson, Justin	TB	5'11"	203	Fr.	Chicago, IL
	Bobo, Issac	TB	5'10"	187	Jr.	Urbana, IL
20	Clanton, Montell	TB	5'9"	177	So.	Rockford, IL
	Morris, Dwight	TB	5'8"	179	Fr.	Palatine, IL
22	Prime, Cas	TB	6'1"	229	Jr.	Janesville, WI
	Schiffler, Matt	TB	5'9"	196	Fr.	LaGrange Park, IL
21	Streeter, Earnest	TB	5'10"	188	Fr.	Chicago, IL
1	Wolfe, Garrett	TB	5'7"	173	Sr.	Chicago, IL
	Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
13	Adonis, Evans	WR	6'0"	165	So.	Miami, FL
	Ajose, Yakuba	WR	5'10"	170	Fr.	Chicago, IL
88	Beal, Brandon	TE	6'3"	227	So.	Kirkwood, MO
14	Carter, Jarret	WR	6'3"	200	Sr.	Florissant, MO
88	Cunningham, Reed	TE	6'4"	256	Fr.	Cambria, WI
87	Davis, Brandon	TE	6'4"	261	Jr.	Broadview, IL
7	Davis, Britt	WR	6'2"	195	So.	Broadview, IL
83	Gierke, Ryan	WR	5'10"	176	Fr.	Elburn, IL
44	Kelly, Tom	TE	6'3"	232	So.	Elgin, IL
91	Koronkiewicz, David	TE	6'3"	253	So.	Goshen, IN
36	Moore, Orlando	WR	5'11"	171	Fr.	Chicago, IL
86	Nordin, Jake	TE	6'3"	258	Sr.	Lake Lillian, MN
5	Perez, Marcus	WR	5'11"	172	So.	Elkhart, IN
2	Simon, Matt	WR	6'2"	195	So.	Farmington, MN
17	Turner, Greg	WR	6'0"	180	So.	Glendale Heights, IL
82	Williams, Preston	WR	5'11"	171	Fr.	Urbana, IL
	Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
70	Acevedo, Chris	G	6'5"	304	Jr.	Lyons, IL
50	Adamski, Eddie	C	6'2"	265	Fr.	Kildeer, IL
74	Biondi, Matt	G	6'5"	335	Jr.	Geneseo, IL
60	Brost, Jon	T	6'6"	296	So.	Maple Grove, MN
64	Ellison, Jon	C	6'5"	285	So.	Rockford, IL
62	Free, Doug	T	6'7"	302	Sr.	Manitowoc, WI
73	Gill, Ethan	C	6'4"	272	Fr.	Sun Prairie, WI
66	Holmes, Tony	T	6'6"	293	Fr.	Woodbury, MN
53	Holzapfel, Dan	C	5'11"	198	Jr.	Coral Springs, FL
78	Keller, Dan	G	6'4"	308	So.	Racine, WI
77	Mayerbock, Tim	G	6'4"	313	Fr.	Chicago, IL
61	Rogers, Matt	G	6'4"	277	Sr.	Lockport, IL
59	Skatrud, Kevin	T	6'6"	314	Fr.	Brodhead, WI
75	Tuggle, Ryan	G	6'4"	265	So.	Bartlett, IL
64	Wertz, Jake	T	6'4"	289	Fr.	Prairie View, IL
	Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
97	Antonacci, Anthony	DE	6'1"	250	Fr.	Naperville, IL
49	Benson, Brad	NT	6'1"	260	Sr.	Sycamore, IL
56	Bice, Brandon	DE	6'3"	236	Fr.	McCook, IL
	Boyd, Andrew	DT	6'5"	249	Fr.	Metamora, IL
	Christian, Joe	DE	6'1"	230	Jr.	Chicago, IL
97	Dungan, Grant	DE	6'4"	202	So.	Elmhurst, IL
51	English, Larry	DE	6'3"	236	So.	Aurora, IL
71	Grimm, Adam	DE	6'2"	234	Fr.	Mequon, WI
63	Holycross, Zack	DT	6'7"	284	Jr.	Georgetown, IL
69	Krutsch, Alex	DT	6'2"	246	So.	Schaumburg, IL
95	Oruche, Robert	DE	6'4"	245	Jr.	Bensenville, IL
93	Osburn, Zach	NT	6'5"	250	So.	Holland, MI
98	Pittman, Eric	DT	6'2"	265	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI
99	Rusch, Craig	DE	6'4"	252	So.	Hilbert, WI
92	Schroeder, Adam	NT	6'5"	273	Jr.	Loves Park, IL
34	West, Ken	DE	6'1"	238	Sr.	Calumet City, IL
	Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
	Alexander, Harold	LB	5'9"	205	Fr.	Chicago Heights, IL
9	Allen, Josh	LB	5'11"	217	So.	North Chicago, IL
46	Athans, Luke	LB	6'2"	215	So.	Manhattan, IL
33	Blalark, Keenan	LB	5'10"	228	Sr.	Elgin, IL
52	Brown, Phil	LB	5'11"	225	So.	Chicago, IL
38	Bryant, David	LB	5'10"	193	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
43	Griffin, T.J.	LB	6'0"	243	So.	Carol Stream, IL
26	Hanson, Cory	LB	6'1"	196	Fr.	Minneapolis, MN
	Kritikos, Mike	LB	6'2"	225	Fr.	Addison, IL
57	Larsen, Zach	LB	6'0"	212	Fr.	Northfield, MN
53	McCarthy, Tim	LB	6'0"	226	So.	Neenah, WI
54	McLearen, Bob	LB	6'1"	226	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
	Smothers, Kevin	LB	6'0"	208	Fr.	West Chicago, IL
40	Tsutsumi, William	LB	5'11"	180	Jr.	Arlington Heights, IL
	Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
	Barnett, Martell	S	5'8"	188	Sr.	Chicago, IL
	Byrd, Adrian	CB	5'9"	164	So.	Chicago, IL
	Fasoranti, Ibukun	CB	6'0"	168	Fr.	Chicago, IL
32	Fontana, Jeff	S	5'11"	184	Fr.	Libertyville, IL
40	Green, Tywon	CB	5'8"	173	Fr.	Wheaton, IL
12	Hansbro, Adriel	CB	5'10"	176	Sr.	Madison, WI
11	Hansbro, Alvah	CB	5'10"	170	Sr.	Madison, WI
23	Ibarra, Saul	FS	5'11"	192	Jr.	Elmwood Park, IL
37	Ikegwuonu, Bill	S	5'10"	198	So.	Madison, WI
6	Matthew, Vincent	CB	5'10"	194	So.	Miami, FL
28	Morris, Andre	CB	5'8"	172	Sr.	Chicago, IL
30	Pruitt, Bradley	S	6'1"	180	So.	Chicago, IL
8	Reiter, Mark	S	6'1"	191	Jr.	New Lenox, IL
31	Rice, Melvin	CB	5'10"	185	So.	Chicago, IL
35	Utschig, Dustin	S	5'10"	189	Sr.	Winneconne, WI
27	Williamson, Spencer	S	6'2"	195	Fr.	Elkhart, IN
	Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
45	Baez, Jason	P	5'9"	181	Jr.	Muskego, WI, IL
10	Biondi, Luke	K	5'11"	188	Sr.	Sioux Falls, SD
18	Dittbenner, Andy	P	6'1"	192	So.	Bloomington, IL
25	Nendick, Chris	K	5'11"	168	Jr.	Naperville, IL

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
SE	14	Jarret Carter	Sr.
FL	**7**	**Britt Davis**	**So.**
WR	2	Matt Simon	So.
LT	**62**	**Doug Free**	**Sr.**
LG	70	Chris Acevedo	Jr.
C	50	Eddie Adamski	Fr.
RG	61	Matt Rogers	Sr.
RT	**60**	**Jon Brost**	**So.**
TE	**86**	**Jake Nordin**	**Sr.**
QB	**3**	**Phil Horvath**	**Sr.**
TB	**1**	**Garrett Wolfe**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
SE	17	Greg Turner	So.
FL	13	Evans Adonis	So.
WR	5	Marcus Perez	So.
LT	59	Kevin Skatrud	Fr.
LG	77	Tim Mayerbock	Fr.
C	73	Ethan Gill	Fr.
RG	75	Ryan Tuggle	So.
RT	66	Tony Holmes	Fr.
TE	87	Brandon Davis	Jr.
QB	19	Dan Nicholson	So.
TB	22	Cas Prime	Jr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**34**	**Ken West**	**Sr.**
NT	63	Zack Holycross	Jr.
DT	99	Craig Rusch	So.
DE	**51**	**Larry English**	**So.**
SLB	52	Phil Brown	So.
MLB	**53**	**Tim McCarthy**	**So.**
WLB	38	David Bryant	Fr.
CB	**12**	**Adriel Hansbro**	**Sr.**
CB	**11**	**Alvah Hansbro**	**Sr.**
SS	8	Mark Reiter	Jr.
FS	**35**	**Dustin Utschig**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	95	Robert Oruche	Jr.
NT	49	Brad Benson	Sr.
DT	92	Adam Schroeder	Jr.
DE	56	Brandon Bice	Fr.
SLB	**33**	**Keenan Blalark**	**Sr.**
MLB	26	Cory Hanson	Fr.
WLB	9	Josh Allen	So.
CB	30	Bradley Pruitt	So.
CB	31	Melvin Rice	So.
SS	32	Jeff Fontana	Fr.
FS	30	Bradley Pruitt	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	25	Chris Nendick	Jr.
P	18	Andy Dittbenner	So.
KR	5	Marcus Perez	So.
PR	8	Mark Reiter	Jr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Joe Novak
Record at School: 54–60 (11 years)
Career Record: 54–60 (11 years)
Offensive Coordinator: John Bond
Defensive Coordinator: Danny Doornbos
DeKalb, Ill.
Huskie Stadium (28,000)

2006 SIGNEES

Bryan Beckner	TE	6'4"	235	Bourbonnais, IL
Tyler Clasey	WR	6'1"	187	Champaign, IL
Kris Cooke	DT	6'3"	305	Homewood, IL
Ricky Crider	TB	5'9"	158	Evansvillle, IN
Ed Jackson	DE	6'4"	230	Cahokia, IL
James Jefferies	CB	5'9"	165	Chicago, IL
Mike Krause	C	6'3"	270	Germantown, WI
Alex Kube	FS	6'1"	200	Cary, IL
Mike Lepper	LB	6'2"	215	Oak Lawn, IL
Marcus Lewis	WR	6'2"	195	Gurnee, IL
Billy Lowe	QB	6'3"	214	Lakeland, FL
Jason Onyebuagu	G	6'2"	305	Indianapolis, IN
Vernon Sims	TE	6'5"	252	Rockford, IL
Mike Sobol	SS	6'0"	190	Pevely, MO
Justin Stewart	FS	6'1"	185	O'Fallon, IL
Panan Tense	G	6'4"	315	Hillside, IL
John Tranchitella	LB	6'2"	200	Addison, IL

A sixth straight winning season plus a trip to the MAC Championship Game opened up more recruiting doors for Northern Illinois coach Joe Novak. The well-respected coach wanted to upgrade the athleticism on defense to combat the growing number of teams utilizing the spread offense. Novak and his staff accomplished their mission with a class filled with strong, physical and developed athletes able to run and pursue the ball on defense. Novak calls the 17-player class "the best-ever" in his 11-year tenure. Linebackers John Tranchitella and Mike Lepper are expected to contribute immediately. Quarterback Billy Lowe, who guided Lakeland High School in Florida to a state title, is an intriguing signee. Novak uncharacteristically gushed about the potential of the 6'3", 214-pound lefthander. Tailback Ricky Crider brushed aside offers from bigger schools in order for a shot at continuing NIU's tradition of producing 1,000-yard backs.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 7–5 (6–2 MAC)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	3	at Michigan	L	17–33	110,971
S.	10	at Northwestern	L	37–38	35,114
S.	17	Tennessee Tech	W	42– 3	26,123
S.	24	at Akron	L (ot)	42–48	15,612
O.	5	Miami (Ohio)	W	38–27	20,023
O.	15	Eastern Michigan	W	24– 8	27,641
O.	22	at Kent State	W	34– 3	3,554
O.	29	Ball State	L	17–31	18,732
N.	5	at Central Michigan	W	31–28	13,812
N.	16	at Toledo	W	35–17	20,912
N.	23	Western Michigan	W	42– 7	18,361
D.	1	%Akron	L	30–31	12,051
		%MAC Championship			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Phil Horvath	**238**	**168**	**2,001**	**18**	**8**
Dan Nicholson	**95**	**59**	**831**	**6**	**2**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Garrett Wolfe	**242**	**1,580**	**6.5**	**16**	
Adrian Davis	83	463	5.6	3	
A.J. Harris	58	351	6.1	5	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Sam Hurd	65	1,074	16.5	13	
Shatone Powers	43	494	11.5	3	

Kicking: Chris Nendick, 9-13 FGs, 50-50 XPs, 77 points
Tackles: Dustin Utschig, 121; Tim McCarthy, 101
Sacks: Craig Rusch, 6
Interceptions: Dustin Utschig, 3

Returning Players in Bold

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Toledo hands the keys to its high-powered spread offense to an untested quarterback for the third time in the six years Tom Amstutz has been head coach. Don't fear, Rocket fans: Toledo has remained in the conference championship battle each time.

"We know it's a process you have to go through," Amstutz says. "Patience is required of us to give a guy a chance to develop and become a good quarterback."

The schedule will provide a veritable baptism by fire for sophomore Clint Cochran. Three of the Rockets' first five games are against BCS conference opponents — at Iowa State, vs. Kansas and at Pitt.

Quarterbacks Amstutz's spread offense puts the onus on the quarterback to trigger just about everything. It requires smarts, field sense, along with a toughness and athleticism. Cochran has the most experience, which amounts to an emergency start last year against Fresno State, and some mop-up work. "Clint is the guy with the best grasp of the offense," Amstutz says. "He has a good arm, he can run the offense and he has the most experience."

Running Backs Amstutz likes fresh legs, and he keeps everyone hungry by utilizing three or four players in his one-back offense. "It's important in our system that we have a group of running backs that we can rotate," Amstutz says, "so we always have a fresh back in there."

He has plenty of talent on the sideline. Jalen Parmele is healthy and leads the returning backs. Richard Davis is a punishing runner and big-play guy. Scooter McDougle, a tough inside runner and reliable pass catcher two seasons ago, missed 2005 after knee surgery. Redshirt freshman DaJuane Collins draws rave reviews, but if Ray Williams, a former Mr. Football in Ohio, is eligible, he could emerge as the best of the bunch.

Receivers The Rockets like to keep defenses guessing with four- and five-receiver sets, and senior Steve Odom leads the corps. Odom, a fourth-year starter who can make the spectacular catch, led the Rockets with 55 receptions and 690 yards. David Washington, Nick Moore and Andrew Hawkins will man the multiple-receiver sets. "You need more than one guy making plays at receiver, and I think we have that," Amstutz says.

The heir apparent in the go-to role is Moore, whose older brother Lance owns most of the receiving records at Toledo.

The Rockets feature the best trio of tight ends in the conference, with Chris Hopkins, Josh Powell and John Allen. "We'll use a lot of multiple-tight end formations, so we're going to try to be creative to get those guys on the field," Amstutz says

Offensive Linemen The strength of the offense lies up front, and All-MAC left tackle John Greco is the headliner of the group. David Perkins joins him on the left side at guard, making this the third season he and Greco have been side-by-side. Center Hassan Adebesin and right tackle Jerry Aguwa are also returning starters. "Well, it's always good to have the core of your offensive line returning," Amstutz says.

NUMBERS GAME

31/13 Toledo tied for the league lead with 31 sacks last season and also had the best protection package in the MAC, allowing only 13 sacks in 12 games.

Defensive Linemen The Rockets' outstanding run defense — they ranked second in the MAC in rushing defense — got its start with strength in the trenches, and Toledo will rely on returning starters J.P. Bekasiak, Sean Williamson and Patrick Clark to flex that muscle again. The Rockets ranked 21st in the nation in total defense in 2005, allowing only 316.8 yards per game, and Amstutz thinks the right leaders up front will keep them at the top.

Linebackers The Rockets took the biggest hit at linebacker, where Anthony Jordan and David Thomas were fierce hitters and fiery emotional leaders. Now, the door is open for first-team All-MAC pick Mike Alston to emerge as the leader of the defense. Mike Chamberlain and Greg Hay have enough experience to help out, while Steve Morrison should spend some time at inside linebacker.

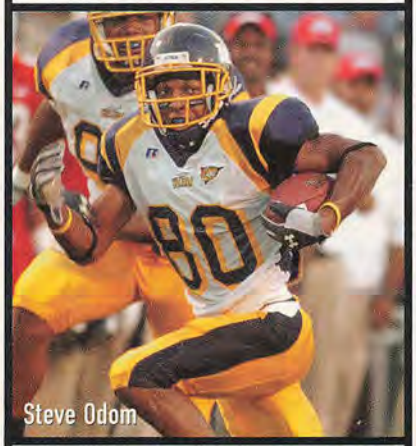
Defensive Backs Safety Tyrrell Herbert got thrown to the wolves as a young player and now features the experience to match his considerable talent. The cornerbacks are sound and have resumes that include facing plenty of live fire. Nigel Morris and Keiron Brown should do the job out on the edges, though Brown could also see action at safety.

Specialists Toledo worries about the placekicking job for the first time in four years. Freshman Alex Steigerwald comes highly touted and could press junior Mike Krispinsky for the kicking role. Brett Kern starts his third season as the Rockets' punter, and in Odom, Toledo has a sure-handed and electric return man.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE ROCKETS

The book says developing a new quarterback means there will be an adjustment period and tempered expectations. Toledo's Tom Amstutz skipped that chapter. Don't expect a long transition for Clint Cochran as he takes the controls of the Rockets' spread offense. Toledo has one of the most experienced lines in the conference in front of Cochran, which will help the new quarterback get acclimated. There is a plethora of gifted running backs, but the best of the group might end up being Ray Williams, a former Ohio Mr. Football. Williams was headed to West Virginia when he was involved in a robbery in which a friend was killed. As part of his probation, Williams enrolled at Toledo, and Amstutz has welcomed him with open arms and an edited playbook. Slick wide receivers Steve Odom and Nick Moore and a trio of capable tight ends add to the offensive firepower. The Rockets' defense made tremendous strides under first-year coordinator Tim Rose, lowering its yards-per-game average from 417.5 in 2004 to 316.8 in '05. With another year under Rose's tutelage, that side of the line of scrimmage can only get better. Northern Illinois looks like the team to beat in the West, but Toledo should be in the hunt all season.



Steve Odom

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	**31**	**at Iowa State**	*
S.	9	at Western Michigan	W
S.	**15**	**Kansas**	*
S.	23	McNeese State	W
S.	**30**	**at Pittsburgh**	*
O.	7	Central Michigan	W
O.	14	at Kent State	W
O.	21	at Eastern Michigan	W
O.	28	Akron	W
N.	**7**	**at Northern Illinois**	*
N.	14	Ball State	W
N.	21	Bowling Green	W

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

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2006 TOLEDO ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
11 Cochran, Clint	QB	6'3"	205	So.	Wadsworth, OH
8 Davies, Jarod	QB	6'2"	189	Fr.	Bluffton, OH
12 Goolsby, John	QB	6'5"	215	So.	Morris, IL
6 Summers, Brandon	QB	6'0"	187	Fr.	Southfield, MI
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
22 Collins, DaJuane	RB	5'10"	200	Fr.	Westville, NJ
27 Davis, Richard	RB	6'0"	200	So.	Warren, OH
10 McDougle, Scooter	RB	6'0"	245	Jr.	East Cleveland, OH
33 Parmele, Jalen	RB	6'0"	222	Jr.	Midland, MI
Williams, Raymond	RB	5'11"	185	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
83 Allen, John	TE	6'5"	215	So.	Chicago, IL
85 Bailey, Robin	WR	6'5"	187	Fr.	Columbus, OH
81 Burzine, Tom	TE	6'4"	232	Fr.	Bohemia, NY
2 Hawkins, Andrew	WR	5'8"	163	Jr.	Johnstown, PA
91 Hopkins, Chris	TE	6'5"	255	Sr.	Chicago, IL
82 Moore, Nick	WR	6'4"	192	So.	Westerville, OH
9 Nichols, D.J.	WR	6'2"	219	Sr.	Compton, CA
49 Norris, Mike	WR	5'11"	182	Fr.	Sylvania, OH
80 Odom, Steve	WR	5'10"	170	Sr.	Columbus, OH
34 Peters, Chris	WR	5'10"	170	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
86 Powell, Josh	TE	6'5"	263	Sr.	Wyandotte, MI
84 Redd, Andre	WR	5'11"	196	So.	Jamaica, NY
5 Smith, Trumaine	WR	6'4"	211	So.	Warrensville Hts., OH
93 Spence, Chad	TE	6'1"	225	Sr.	Hudson, OH
87 Tabb, Ryan	WR	6'2"	191	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI
4 Washington, David	WR	6'6"	219	Jr.	Baytown, TX
88 Williams, Stephen	WR	6'5"	185	Fr.	Houston, TX
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
70 Adebesin, Hassan	OL	6'0"	300	Sr.	Shaker Heights, OH
63 Aguwa, Jerry	OL	6'4"	295	Sr.	West Bloomfield, MI
69 Anderson, Jesse	OL	6'4"	300	Sr.	The Colony, TX
71 Azner, Sam	OL	6'5"	281	Fr.	Wayne, NJ
72 Dawson, Patrick	OL	6'3"	280	So.	Greensburg, PA
74 Diggs, Chad	OL	6'4"	313	Sr.	Trotwood, OH
65 Dyko, Chris	OL	6'2"	304	Fr.	Toledo, OH
50 Garrett, Buster	OL	6'3"	272	Fr.	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
67 Glaser, Shawn	OL	6'8"	298	Fr.	Fairlawn, OH
79 Greco, John	OL	6'5"	318	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
68 Hobbins, Kevin	OL	6'7"	323	Fr.	Peterborough, ON
78 Kilgo, Kevin	OL	6'5"	273	Fr.	Sterling Heights, MI
73 Luna, Greg	OL	6'8"	330	Sr.	Spokane, WA
64 Perkins, David	OL	6'2"	308	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
61 Pollard, Tyree	OL	6'3"	312	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
59 Tramba, Matt	OL	6'2"	291	So.	North Royalton, OH
55 Wesolowski, Jim	OL	6'3"	310	Fr.	Lambertville, MI
60 Zabinski, Sean	OL	6'6"	302	So.	Albany, NY
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
51 Albritton, Aaron	DL	6'2"	261	Sr.	Hankamer, TX
96 Bekasiak, J.P.	DL	6'6"	296	Sr.	Windsor, ON
87 Clark, Patrick	DL	6'4"	266	Jr.	Northville, MI
99 Collins, Justin	DL	6'2"	255	Jr.	Columbus, OH
94 Duhé, John	DL	6'4"	231	Fr.	Weston, FL
57 Faithful, Bernard	DL	6'3"	240	Jr.	Detroit, MI
98 Gayle, Lyndon	DL	6'4"	253	Fr.	Akron, OH
95 Lawrence, Nick	DL	6'3"	229	Jr.	Detroit, MI
75 Martin, Alfred	DL	6'5"	255	Jr.	South Euclid, OH
42 Shumaker, Matt	DL	6'1"	225	Fr.	Delphos, OH
35 Thitoff, Seth	DL	6'2"	220	Sr.	Delphos, OH
92 Williamson, Sean	DL	6'2"	265	Jr.	White Lake, MI
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
13 Alexander, Brandon	LB	6'1"	215	Jr.	Niles, OH
44 Alston, Mike	LB	6'2"	212	Sr.	Columbus, OH
52 Brooks, Marcus	LB	5'9"	197	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
48 Brudzinski, Beau	LB	6'1"	204	Fr.	Weston, FL
15 Chamberlain, Michael	LB	6'2"	208	Sr.	Sacramento, CA
59 Fatula, David	LB	5'9"	189	So.	Steubenville, OH
39 Fitzgibbons, Shaun	LB	6'1"	224	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
54 Forestal, Keith	LB	6'3"	215	So.	Liberty Township, OH
32 Hay, Greg	LB	6'2"	200	Jr.	Walled Lake, MI
46 Heller, Eric	LB	6'0"	219	Fr.	Columbus, OH
45 McFarlin, Marques	LB	6'2"	232	Sr.	West Hempstead, NY
47 Morrison, Steven	LB	6'2"	220	Jr.	Queens, NY
17 Rath, Ted	LB	6'0"	232	Sr.	Monroe, MI
43 Shreve, Joel	LB	5'10"	211	Jr.	Detroit, MI
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
37 Atkins, Walter	CB	6'1"	182	Fr.	Pompano Beach, FL
36 Brown, Keiron	CB	5'1"	176	So.	Margate, FL
20 Faison, Chris	SS	6'1"	169	Fr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
22 Fisher, Mike	FS	6'1"	174	Fr.	Bellaire, OH
27 Green, Jeff	FS	6'2"	185	So.	Westville, NJ
28 Herbert, Tyrrell	FS	6'2"	190	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
5 Martin, Bo	CB	6'2"	198	Sr.	Fremont, OH
21 Morris, Nigel	CB	6'0"	181	Jr.	Nyack, NY
23 Murphy, Chris	CB	6'2"	164	Fr.	Columbus, OH
34 Richmond, Lester	SS	6'1"	184	Fr.	Chicago, IL
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
41 Kern, Brett	P	6'3"	195	Jr.	Grand Island, NY
14 Krispinsky, Michael	K	5'10"	185	Jr.	Ashland, OH
17 Mack, Jeremy	LS	6'2"	215	So.	Greenwood, IN
31 Oehler, Drew	K	5'11"	170	Fr.	Terre Haute, IN
51 VandenBoom, Jim	LS	6'1"	225	Fr.	Pontiac, MI

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	4	David Washington	Jr.
WR	**80**	**Steve Odom**	**Sr.**
WR	**82**	**Nick Moore**	**So.**
LT	**79**	**John Greco**	**Jr.**
LG	**64**	**David Perkins**	**Jr.**
C	**70**	**Hassan Adebesin**	**Sr.**
RG	69	Jesse Anderson	Sr.
RT	**63**	**Jerry Aguwa**	**Sr.**
TE	83	John Allen	So.
QB	11	Clint Cochran	So.
RB	33	Jalen Parmele	Jr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	88	Stephen Williams	Fr.
WR	84	Andre Redd	So.
WR	**2**	**Andrew Hawkins**	**Jr.**
LT	60	Sean Zabinski	So.
LG	74	Chad Diggs	Sr.
C	72	Patrick Dawson	So.
RG	78	Kevin Kilgo	Fr.
RT	73	Greg Luna	Sr.
TE	91	Chris Hopkins	Sr.
QB	6	Brandon Summers	Fr.
RB	22	DaJuane Collins	Fr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (7)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**92**	**Sean Williamson**	**Jr.**
DT	**96**	**J.P. Bekasiak**	**Sr.**
DE	**87**	**Patrick Clark**	**Jr.**
OLB	**44**	**Mike Alston**	**Sr.**
ILB	54	Keith Forestal	So.
ILB	47	Steven Morrison	Jr.
OLB	**15**	**Mike Chamberlain**	**Sr.**
CB	**21**	**Nigel Morris**	**Jr.**
CB	36	Keiron Brown	So.
SS	34	Lester Richmond	Fr.
FS	**28**	**Tyrrell Herbert**	**Jr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	35	Seth Thitoff	Sr.
DT	51	Aaron Albritton	Sr.
DE	57	Bernard Faithful	Jr.
OLB	39	Shaun Fitzgibbons	Jr.
ILB	45	Marques McFarlin	Sr.
ILB	46	Eric Heller	Fr.
OLB	32	Greg Hay	Jr.
CB	5	Bo Martin	Sr.
CB	37	Walter Atkins	Fr.
SS	20	Chris Faison	Fr.
FS	27	Jeff Green	So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	14	Mike Krispinsky	Jr.
P	41	Brett Kern	Jr.
KR	80	Steve Odom	Sr.
PR	80	Steve Odom	Sr.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Tom Amstutz
Record at School: 45–18 (5 years)
Career Record: 45–18 (5 years)
Offensive Coordinator: John Shannon
Defensive Coordinator: Tim Rose
Toledo, Ohio
Glass Bowl (26,248)

2006 SIGNEES

Barry Church	S	6'2"	215	Pittsburgh, PA
Nate Cole	DL	6'2"	285	Trotwood, OH
Skylaar Constant	DE	6'4"	265	Bedford, OH
Jared Dewalt	OL	6'4"	295	Lyndhurst, OH
Archie Donald	LB	6'2"	230	Pittsburgh, PA
Matt Fought	TE	6'4"	210	Ottawa, OH
Bruce Frieson	RB	5'8"	185	Cleveland, OH
Levi George	OL	6'1"	302	Warren, OH
Jan Gewont	OL	6'6"	305	Palos Heights, IL
Greg Harris	S/CB	6'0"	187	Mount Vernon, NY
Maurice Hill	DL	6'1"	265	Bolingbrook, IL
Mark Jackson	S	6'0"	195	Canton, OH
Alex Johnson	LB	6'2"	235	Lansdale, PA
Dontae Jones	RB	6'0"	210	Orlando, FL
Jerome Jones	TE	6'7"	220	Youngstown, OH
Desmond Marrow	CB	6'3"	196	Youngstown, OH
Chris Meenan	OL	6'7"	310	Wooster, OH
Aaron Opelt	QB	6'2"	205	Fremont, OH
Joe Shuler	CB/WR	6'2"	172	Orlando, FL
Alex Steigerwald	K	5'11"	170	Mayfield Village, OH
Derrick Summers	LB	6'2"	235	Southfield, MI
Joe Underwood	OLB/DE	6'3"	240	Youngstown, OH
Douglas Westbrook	DE	6'3"	215	Pompano Beach, FL

Much to the chagrin of many of the other coaches in the MAC, there are few better than Toledo's Tom Amstutz when it comes to sitting on the sofa and charming a recruit's mother while knocking down a bowl of her best cobbler. His success on the field has opened a lot of doors, and after four bowl games in the past five years and 20 games aired on ESPN or ESPN2, Amstutz hardly needs an introduction most places. "By the time we visit a recruit, we've already been in his home on TV several times," Amstutz says. "The players feel like they know our team so it really helps in the recruiting process." One of his best finds this year was Alex Steigerwald, a placekicker from the Cleveland area who could step right on the field for the Rockets. Amstutz also restocked the offensive line with some super-sized prospects.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 9–3 (6–2 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 1	Western Illinois	W	62–14	20,092
S. 10	Western Michigan	W	56–23	18,912
S. 17	at Temple	W	42–17	9,055
S. 27	at Fresno State	L	14–44	34,637
O. 8	Eastern Michigan	W	30– 3	25,266
O. 15	at Ball State	W	34–14	16,533
O. 22	Buffalo	W	38–15	23,904
O. 29	at Central Michigan	L	17–21	12,801
N. 4	at Ohio	W	30–21	21,034
N. 16	Northern Illinois	L	17–35	20,912
N. 22	at Bowling Green	W	(2ot) 44–41	17,438
D. 21	#UTEP	W	45–13	35,422
	#GMAC Bowl			

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Bruce Gradkowski	332	207	2,469	29	12
Clint Cochran	**43**	**32**	**262**	**1**	**1**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Trinity Dawson	232	1,294	5.6	5	
Quinton Broussard	64	462	7.2	5	
Jalen Parmele	**64**	**294**	**4.6**	**3**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Steve Odom	**55**	**690**	**12.5**	**6**	
Chris Hopkins	**31**	**355**	**11.5**	**4**	

Kicking: Jason Robbins, 13-13 FGs, 54-55 XPs, 93 points
Tackles: Anthony Jordan, 107; **Tyrrell Herbert, 94**
Sacks: **Mike Alston, 9.5**
Interceptions: Keon Jackson, 4

Returning Players in Bold

National Forecast 101 | MAC West Prediction 5th

In his first year on the job, Bill Cubit turned the Broncos' struggling program around, leading Western Michigan to seven wins just one year removed from a 1–10 campaign.

On the downside, however, Cubit was blessed last season with some outstanding skill players, and nearly all of them have departed. This season, Western Michigan will rely heavily on the arm of senior quarterback Ryan Cubit (the coach's son) while hoping for significant improvement from a defense that allowed 450.6 yards and 31.1 points per game.

"We have got to be more physical defensively," Cubit says. "We are still probably a year away from being that type of team, but I do think we will be improved. We are really young on defense and can only get better."

Quarterbacks Ryan Cubit was poised for a breakout season last year before breaking his leg in the fourth game of the year. The former transfer from Rutgers was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA and will be a major key for the Western Michigan offense in 2006.

"He's going to mean a lot for us this season," the coach says. "He's got great experience and is like another coach on the field because he knows this system so well. We are really young at wideout and there isn't going to be a lot of separation so the ball is going to have to fit through some tight windows. I know Ryan can do that."

Junior college transfer Thomas Peregrin will back Cubit up while Tim Hiller, the Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year last season, will redshirt as he recovers from a knee injury.

Running Backs The Broncos lost 1,000-yard rusher Trovon Riley to graduation, so there will be a new starter in the backfield. Junior Mark Bonds and sophomore Kirk Elsworth are both candidates to replace Riley, but Cubit says the wild card in the mix is Jamarko Simmons, a speedy sophomore who will likely be used in multiple roles this season.

"Bonds and Elsworth are both solid backs and have learned to pass block better," Cubit says. "Simmons is someone we are asking to do a lot this year. He is going to try and replace the role that (MAC Offensive Player of the Year) Greg Jennings had last year, but we didn't ask Jennings to carry the ball, and Simmons is going to carry the ball."

Receivers With Jennings gone to the NFL, the Broncos are very young on the outside. That's where Cubit's accuracy is going to come into play — along with his leadership.

The Broncos also lost speedy tight end Tony Scheffler, so the top returning receiver is senior Joe Chapple, who caught 33 passes last season. Simmons, with 11 catches, is the second-leading returner.

Cubit believes junior Kelly Martin, who he says has a chance to be "special," could emerge as a top playmaker this fall.

Offensive Linemen The Broncos return three of five starters on the offensive line, a group that will be led by all-conference center Robbie Krutilla.

NUMBERS GAME

155 The Broncos lost Greg Jennings (98 catches) and Tony Scheffler (57), who combined for 155 receptions last season. WMU's returning players have combined for only 66.

There have been some adjustments on the line, with senior Dominic Moran moving from left tackle to left guard and sophomore Rob Johnson taking over Moran's tackle spot. Junior Matt Williams is solid at right guard, while James Blair takes over at right tackle.

Defensive Linemen This is an area of concern for the Broncos, mostly because the line isn't very big. Nose guard Cory Flom is the biggest at 285 pounds, but defensive tackle Nick Varcadipane was the most effective with 5.5 sacks last season. Anthony Belmonte is solid at one end after finishing with two sacks and 50 tackles last year, while Zach Davidson is a player for whom Cubit has high expectations.

Linebackers With Ameer Ismail back, the linebacking corps is a point of strength. Ismail finished with 93 tackles last season and led the team with eight sacks. Paul Tithof and Dustin Duclo are the other starters in this unit, but the most talented player might be sophomore Greg Marshall.

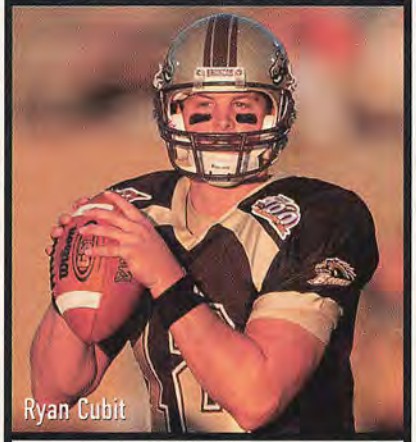
Defensive Backs All four starters are sophomores, and the headliner of the group is safety Louis Delmas, who finished with three interceptions, eight deflections and was third on the team with 82 tackles. "Louis Delmas is an outstanding player and could be the best at his position this school has ever seen," Cubit says.

Specialists Nate Meyer returns to handle the placekicking duties after connecting on 12-of-19 attempts, including 9-of-10 inside 40 yards. Cubit believes punter Jim Laney (40.8-yard average) is one of the best in the conference.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE BRONCOS

Bill Cubit, a former offensive coordinator at Western Michigan, worked wonders in his first season back in Kalamazoo. Year two, however, figures to be far more challenging. The Broncos lost their top two receivers — including MAC Player of the Year Greg Jennings — and a 1,000-yard rusher in Trovon Riley. The good news for Western is that quarterback Ryan Cubit was granted a medical redshirt by the NCAA and returns to lead an inexperienced WMU offense. The coach's son will need to be just about perfect with his throws; only Joe Chapple (33 receptions) has caught any significant number of passes. On defense, the Broncos are undersized up front and inexperienced in the secondary, though Cubit is excited about safety Louis Delmas. Ameer Ismail anchors the linebacking corps after recording a team-high 20 tackles for a loss last season. A year ago, the Broncos ranked 108th in the nation in total defense and next to last in pass defense. The back line figures to get tested again in the pass-happy Mid-American Conference. There will be plenty of pressure on Cubit to enjoy a banner senior campaign, but the Broncos will be in trouble without significant improvement on defense. A repeat of last year's 5–3 conference record seems unlikely.


Ryan Cubit

2006 SCHEDULE

S. 2	at Indiana	L
S. 9	Toledo	L
S. 16	at Virginia	L
S. 23	Temple	W
O. 7	**at Ohio**	*
O. 14	Northern Illinois	L
O. 21	**at Ball State**	*
O. 28	**Eastern Michigan**	*
N. 4	Miami (Ohio)	L
N. 10	at Central Michigan	W
N. 18	at Florida State	L
N. 24	at Akron	L

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

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2006 WESTERN MICHIGAN ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
20 Clark, Caleb	QB	6'3"	190	Fr.	Calgary, AB
12 Cubit, Ryan	QB	6'2"	216	Sr.	Kalamazoo, MI
3 Hiller, Tim	QB	6'5"	215	So.	Orrville, OH
10 Reedy, Dennis	QB	6'3"	190	So.	South Lyon, MI
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
34 Bonds, Mark	RB	5'10"	215	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
40 Elsworth, Kirk	RB	6'0"	208	So.	Goodrich, MI
38 Gebhart, Anthony	RB	5'8"	195	Jr.	Addison, IL
33 Quivey, Seth	RB	6'4"	213	Sr.	Bismarck, ND
27 Simmons, Jamarko	RB	6'2"	231	So.	Flint, MI
18 Stilec, Mac	RB	5'11"	183	Fr.	Northville, MI
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
89 Bleck-Owens, Ben	WR	6'2"	201	So.	Wauwatosa, WI
10 Chapple, Joe	WR	6'0"	190	Sr.	South Bay, FL
17 Gardner, Joe	TE	6'4"	245	So.	Waukesha, WI
80 Kashama, Fernand	WR	6'3"	210	So.	Toronto, ON
82 Ledbetter, Brandon	TE	6'5"	221	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
81 LeMay, Justin	WR	5'11"	178	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
28 Maragos, Chris	WR	6'0"	185	So.	Racine, WI
86 Martin, Kelly	WR	6'3"	180	Jr.	Lafayette, IN
88 McIntosh, Scooter	WR	6'1"	205	Jr.	McHenry, IL
87 Schultz, Keith	TE	6'3"	231	Jr.	Almont, MI
84 Stevens, Matt	TE	6'5"	240	Fr.	Wheaton, IL
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
71 Bailey, Brian	G	6'4"	300	Jr.	Hoyt, KS
70 Bartula, Chris	T	6'6"	295	Jr.	Carol Stream, IL
75 Blair, James	G	6'3"	338	Jr.	Detroit, MI
76 Ellingsen, Steve	G	6'4"	280	So.	Crown Point, IN
58 Gaylor, Joe	G	6'5"	334	Fr.	Kalamazoo, MI
55 Gray, Dezmond	T	6'4"	280	Jr.	Detroit, MI
67 Johnson, Rob	T	6'4"	329	So.	Grand Blanc, MI
78 Krutilla, Robbie	C	6'3"	308	Jr.	Summit, IL
56 Laue, Andy	T	6'4"	255	Fr.	Barrington, IL
77 Lochmann, Matt	G	6'4"	285	Fr.	Hartland, WI
72 Moran, Dominic	T	6'5"	303	Sr.	Rochester Hills, MI
66 Parsley, Jesse	G	6'4"	285	Fr.	Parma, OH
63 Wasikowski, Paul	C	6'4"	290	Fr.	Cudahy, WI
62 Williams, Matt	G	6'2"	282	Jr.	Fishers, IN
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
37 Belmonte, Anthony	DE	6'2"	255	Sr.	Wheaton, IL
48 Braska, Justin	DE	6'4"	215	Fr.	DeWitt, MI
68 Cielenski, Cody	DT	6'2"	295	Fr.	Downers Grove, IL
90 Davidson, Zach	DE	6'2"	243	So.	Racine, WI
98 Flom, Cory	NG	6'3"	285	So.	Prior Lake, MN
97 Ludeman, Matt	DE	6'3"	250	Sr.	Oak Creek, WI
57 Mooney, Pete	DE	6'3"	220	Fr.	Caro, MI
64 Nemeth, Grant	NG	6'3"	260	So.	Wheaton, IL
94 Palace, Mike	DE	6'2"	251	So.	Bainbridge, OH
79 Randall, James	DE	6'5"	240	Fr.	Vernon Hills, IL
92 Roddy, Jon	DE	6'4"	240	Fr.	Caro, MI
93 Russell, John	DT	6'4"	255	So.	Loganville, GA
96 Smith, David	DE	6'2"	220	Jr.	Hudson, MI
99 Varcadipane, Nick	DT	6'2"	272	So.	Totowa, NJ
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
8 Copeland, Darrell	LB	6'1"	215	Jr.	Jonesboro, GA
59 Duclo, Dustin	LB	5'10"	225	So.	Southgate, MI
52 Harris, Derrick	LB	5'10"	213	So.	Miami, FL
43 Ismail, Ameer	LB	6'2"	225	Sr.	Holland, MI
38 Krasinski, Dan	LB	6'0"	196	So.	Mattawan, MI
54 Marshall, Greg	LB	6'0"	230	So.	Portage, MI
29 McCahill, James	LB	6'1"	215	So.	Kinnelon, NJ
47 McIntosh, Rusty	LB	6'0"	203	So.	McHenry, IL
35 Pritchard, Austin	LB	6'5"	215	So.	Lebanon, OH
19 Robinson, Cornelius	LB	6'2"	210	So.	Atlanta, GA
23 Saad, Nic	LB	6'2"	225	Jr.	Clinton Township, MI
42 Smith, Kevin	LB	6'2"	220	Fr.	Miami, FL
50 Sosnovich, Garrett	LB	6'0"	220	So.	Clarendon Hills, IL
51 Tithof, Paul	LB	6'1"	217	Sr.	Oakley, MI
65 Woodard, Kellen	LB	6'3"	210	Fr.	Beverly Hills, MI
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
21 Allen, Antwain	SS	6'2"	215	Jr.	Chicago, IL
1 Biggers, E.J.	CB	6'0"	165	So.	N. Miami Beach, FL
9 Delmas, Louis	SS	6'0"	181	So.	N. Miami Beach, FL
29 Fryar, Londen	CB	5'11"	185	So.	Jobstown, NJ
33 Gajos, Scott	SS	6'0"	210	So.	Warren, MI
2 Henderson, Brandon	CB	5'10"	175	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
31 Livingston, Robert	FS	6'3"	208	Fr.	Hendersonville, NC
46 Stephen, Desman	CB	6'0"	190	So.	Flint, MI
5 Vincent, Jimmie	SS	5'9"	181	Sr.	South Bay, FL
26 Wilson, C.J.	FS	6'2"	206	So.	Chicago, IL
36 Wright, Jonathan	CB	5'9"	185	Fr.	Grosse Pointe, MI
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
91 Jones, Mike	K	5'11"	176	Jr.	Miami Shores, FL
39 Laney, Jim	P	6'4"	207	Jr.	Toledo, OH
41 Meldrum, Brett	K	5'10"	170	Fr.	Utica, MI
25 Meyer, Nate	K	6'4"	226	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (6)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	7	Herb Martin	Jr.
WR	**10**	**Joe Chapple**	**Sr.**
WR	**86**	**Kelly Martin**	**Jr.**
LT	67	Rob Johnson	So.
LG	**72**	**Dominic Moran**	**Sr.**
C	**78**	**Robbie Krutilla**	**Jr.**
RG	**62**	**Matt Williams**	**Jr.**
RT	75	James Blair	Jr.
TE	82	Brandon Ledbetter	So.
QB	**12**	**Ryan Cubit**	**Sr.**
RB	40	Kirk Elsworth	So.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	89	Ben Bleck-Owens	So.
WR	88	Scooter McIntosh	Jr.
WR	11	Stephen Penn	Jr.
LT	55	Dezmond Gray	Jr.
LG	77	Matt Lochmann	Fr.
C	63	Paul Wasikowski	Fr.
RG	76	Steve Ellingsen	So.
RT	56	Andy Laue	Fr.
TE	84	Matt Stevens	Fr.
QB	14	Thomas Peregrin	Jr.
RB	27	Jamarko Simmons	So.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (9)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	**37**	**Anthony Belmonte**	**Sr.**
DT	**99**	**Nick Varcadipane**	**So.**
NG	98	Cory Flom	So.
DE	**90**	**Zach Davidson**	**So.**
SLB	**51**	**Paul Tithof**	**Sr.**
MLB	**59**	**Dustin Duclo**	**So.**
WLB	**43**	**Ameer Ismail**	**Sr.**
CB	1	E.J. Biggers	So.
CB	29	Londen Fryar	So.
SS	**9**	**Louis Delmas**	**So.**
FS	**26**	**C.J. Wilson**	**So.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	48	Justin Braska	Fr.
DT	93	John Russell	So.
NG	64	Grant Nemeth	So.
DE	**97**	**Matt Ludeman**	**Jr.**
SLB	35	Austin Pritchard	So.
MLB	54	Greg Marshall	So.
WLB	19	Cornelius Robinson	So.
CB	46	Desman Stephen	So.
CB	15	Andy Dorcely	Fr.
SS	5	Jimmie Vincent	Sr.
FS	31	Robert Livingston	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	25	Nate Meyer	Sr.
P	39	Jim Laney	Jr.
KR	1	E.J. Biggers	So.
PR	9	Louis Delmas	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Bill Cubit
Record at School: 7–4 (1 year)
Career Record: 41–22–1 (6 years)
Offensive Coordinator: George McDonald
Defensive Coordinator: Scott Shafer
Kalamazoo, Mich.
Waldo Stadium (30,200)

2006 SIGNEES

Mark Berghuis	DE	6'3"	211	Kaukauna, WI
Drew Burdi	QB	6'2"	180	Downers Grove, IL
Nick Clemens	OL	6'5"	320	Waunakee, WI
David Coleman	SS	5'10"	180	St. Mary, GA
Bobby Crawford	RB	5'8"	180	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
Andy Dorcely	CB	6'0"	185	Miami, FL
Ben Hunderman	TE	6'5"	245	Zeeland, MI
Herb Martin	WR	6'1"	187	Lancaster, CA
Nick Mitchell	OL	6'3"	280	Palatine, IL
Jaymeson Moody	DE	6'2"	226	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Jamelle Murray	WR	5'9"	165	Delray, FL
Juan Nunez	WR	6'1"	175	Miami, FL
James O'Neill	TE	6'4"	235	Grand Haven, MI
Stephen Penn	WR	6'2"	210	Jobba, MD
Thomas Peregrin	QB	6'3"	185	Sparks, NV
Matt Pickens	LB	6'1"	205	Bloomfield, MI
Chris Pyant	DT	6'3"	265	Farmington Hills, MI
Phillip Swanson	OL	6'4"	313	Grand Haven, MI
Glenis Thompson	RB	5'9"	215	West Palm Beach, FL
Brandon West	RB	5'10"	176	Brunswick, GA
Jordan White	WR	6'2"	195	North Ridgeville, OH
Anthony Williams	DE	6'2"	210	Miami, FL

With the graduation of so many top skill players, the Broncos went the junior college route and tapped 6'1" wide receiver Herb Martin out of Pasadena (Calif.) City College. Martin was ranked as the 15th-best juco wide receiver by one service and could help with the loss of Greg Jennings. Martin caught 21 passes for 322 yards and four touchdowns at Pasadena as a sophomore. The Broncos also signed defensive tackle Chris Pyant from Farmington Hills (Mich.) Harrison to beef up the front. Thomas Peregrin is a juco quarterback from Bakersfield (Calif.) College who signed early to cement his position in the spring as Ryan Cubit's backup in 2006. The offensive line added size, with Nick Mitchell (280 pounds) and Phillip Swanson (313). Coach Bill Cubit also likes defensive end Jaymeson Moody, who played in the Broward County All-Star game in South Florida.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 7–4 (5–3 MAC)

Date		Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S.	3	at Virginia	L	19–31	61,244
S.	10	at Toledo	L	23–56	18,912
S.	17	Southern Illinois	W	34–28	24,497
S.	24	at Temple	W	19–16	8,922
O.	1	Buffalo	W	31–21	14,198
O.	8	Ball State	L	57–60	18,183
O.	22	at Bowling Green	W	45–14	13,959
O.	29	Kent State	W	44–14	14,168
N.	5	at Eastern Michigan	W	44–36	11,191
N.	12	Central Michigan	W	31–24	23,484
N.	23	at Northern Illinois	L	7–42	18,361

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Tim Hiller	**151**	**98**	**1,334**	**20**	**3**
Robbie Hass	123	79	682	3	4
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Trovon Riley	220	1,004	4.6	6	
Mark Bonds	**101**	**456**	**4.5**	**3**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Greg Jennings	98	1,259	12.8	14	
Tony Scheffler	57	670	11.8	9	
Joe Chapple	**33**	**354**	**10.7**	**2**	

Kicking: Nate Meyer, 12-19 FGs, 42-44 XPs, 78 points
Tackles: Antwain Allen, 95; Ameer Ismail, 93
Sacks: Ameer Ismail, 8
Interceptions: Louis Delmas, 3

Returning Players in Bold

MAC FUTURE STARS

Schools in the Mid-American Conference will never be able to outrecruit their counterparts in the Big Ten on a consistent basis, but that doesn't mean there isn't outstanding talent coming into the league each year. There are more than enough good players to go around, and as Ben Roethlisberger (Miami), Randy Moss (Marshall) and Jason Taylor (Akron) have shown, you don't need to go to an established national power to enjoy success at the next level of football.

Miami has sent more than its share of players to the NFL, and the RedHawks figure to keep that pipeline going strong after signing the top class in the MAC this past February. Coach Shane Montgomery's first full recruiting class focused on defense and is highlighted by Jordan Stevens, a top defensive end from Pennsylvania who also had offers from Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

The RedHawks also signed touted defensive linemen Martin Channels and Alex Stewart, as well as safety Peris Edwards. The stars on the other side of the ball include tailback Jamel Miller, and a pair of 3-star offensive linemen — Bob Gulley and junior college transfer John Buckman.

J.D. Brookhart, who has done an outstanding job in his two years at Akron, signed another solid class. The Zips are bringing in two top tailbacks, Andre Boone from Virginia and Aaris Reed from Maryland, as well as highly regarded center Mark Jackson and a pair of quality receivers, D.J. Henderson and David Harvey. Reed originally committed to North Carolina and also had offers from Vanderbilt and Illinois, while Boone turned down Wake Forest.

Toledo signed an impressive class that should keep the Rockets near the top of the MAC. Included in Tom Amstutz's haul are five players ranked among the top 100 at their positions by Scout.com — defensive tackle Nate Cole (No. 85), running back Dontae Jones (86), safety Barry Church (68), quarterback Aaron Opelt (93) and tight end Jerome Jones (58).

Ball State landed the MAC's highest-rated prospect in quarterback Nate Davis, who accounted for 81 touchdowns and nearly 7,400 yards of offense during his prep career at Bellaire (Ohio) High School. Davis was rated the No. 31 quarterback in the nation by Scout.com.

Bowling Green added size to its defensive line with D.J. Young, a 6'5", 278-pound tackle from Lansing, Mich. Linebacker Brandon Jackson was a top 10 rated player in Tennessee who picked the Falcons over Ole Miss and Memphis. The Falcons also signed one of the top punters in the nation, Alonso Rojas from Florida, and a talented safety in P.J. Mahone.

Western Michigan capitalized on its surprising season by luring speedy defensive end Jaymeson Moody to Kalamazoo. Moody picked the Broncos over Ole Miss and UCF. Western also inked two impressive quarterback prospects — Drew Burdi and junior college transfer Thomas Peregrin.

Ohio coach Frank Solich landed two outstanding wide receivers — Terrence McCrae from Vanderbilt, Pa., and Chido Nwokocha from Sacramento City College. McCrae turned down Indiana to sign with the Bobcats.

Northern Illinois has built a reputation for its excellent rushing attack and massive offensive line prospect Panan Tense and tailback Ricky Crider should keep that tradition alive in DeKalb. Crider rushed for over 6,300 yards during his prep career.

Central Michigan signed the league's largest class with 26 prospects, including as many as 12 players who could end up in the secondary.

Eastern Michigan continued to mine the greater Detroit area for talent, but the Eagles' biggest catch was linebacker Andre Hatchett, an Indiana native who originally committed to Toledo. Kent State signed highly recruited running back/linebacker prospect Quinton Rainey from Virginia. Rainey chose the Golden Flashes over UConn and Marshall.

Buffalo added two prospects with impressive bloodlines — offensive lineman Brian Kelly is the nephew of former Buffalo Bill great Jim Kelly, and Brandon Thermilus is the son of former Houston Oiler running back Alonzo Highsmith.

MAC RECRUITING

1. MIAMI
2. AKRON
3. TOLEDO
4. BALL STATE
5. BOWLING GREEN
6. WESTERN MICHIGAN
7. OHIO
8. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
9. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
10. EASTERN MICHIGAN
11. KENT STATE
12. BUFFALO

TOP 20 MAC RECRUITS »

1.	NATE DAVIS	QB	6'2"	225	BALL STATE
2.	MARK JACKSON	OL	6'6"	295	AKRON
3.	BARRY CHURCH	DB	6'2"	215	TOLEDO
4.	ANDRE BOONE	RB	5'10"	190	AKRON
5.	JORDAN STEVENS	DE	6'4"	245	MIAMI
6.	TERRENCE MCCRAE	WR	6'4"	205	OHIO
7.	P.J. MAHONE	DB	5'11"	201	BOWLING GREEN
8.	JAN GEWONT	OL	6'6"	305	TOLEDO
9.	AARIS REED	RB	5'7"	174	AKRON
10.	DAVID HARVEY	WR	5'11"	160	AKRON
11.	QUINTON RAINEY	LB/RB	5'10"	230	KENT STATE
12.	JARED DEWALT	OL	6'4"	295	TOLEDO
13.	PERIS EDWARDS	DB	6'1"	175	MIAMI
14.	BRANDON JACKSON	LB	6'2"	220	BOWLING GREEN
15.	JEROME JONES	TE	6'7"	220	TOLEDO
16.	HORACE HUBBARD	DL	6'4"	240	OHIO
17.	JAYMESON MOODY	DE	6'2"	226	WESTERN MICHIGAN
18.	ANDRE HATCHETT	LB	5'11"	190	WESTERN MICHIGAN
19.	MARTIN CHANNELS	DL	6'0"	320	MIAMI
20.	D.J. YOUNG	DL	6'5"	278	BOWLING GREEN

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Al Golden, formerly the defensive coordinator at Virginia, takes over a Temple program that has not won more than four games in a season since 1990.

The Owls have won three times in the last three years. In 2005 they didn't win any games. But as Golden has made perfectly clear, that's the past. This is a fresh start.

After playing a murderous independent schedule last season, the Owls will have six Mid-American Conference games this year before becoming a full member of the league in 2007. The non-conference schedule remains quite ambitious, especially for a team that lost almost 30 players from a year ago. Yet Golden is confident that change is coming. Perhaps not right away, but surely sooner than later.

In spring practice, he had 53 scholarship players. He also had well over 30 walk-ons. And a recruiting class of 23 is being counted on to contribute immediately. He doesn't have all the answers yet, but if you listen to him for five minutes you can only reach the conclusion that he indeed has a clue, and a plan. It's a matter of implementing it.

"We want to set the tone early," Golden says. "We have to learn how to compete. Right now, there's probably more ideological and philosophical goals. We're trying to fulfill that vision. I've told the guys we're not going to concede anything."

At least for the time being, there are probably a lot more questions than answers. That's why Temple gave him the job, following a national search. It's his transformation to choreograph.

Many assessments and decisions lie ahead. Yet for the first time in awhile, at least there seems to be a bona fide reason to believe this program can make a U-turn.

"We have to get these kids to believe in themselves, to do all the things from a fundamental standpoint that have kind of eroded. It's a mindset. We're not here to lose," says Golden.

For starters, it's one battle at a time.

Quarterbacks Joe DeSanzo saw the most action of the three sophomores on the roster, but there will be plenty of competition, maybe even from freshman Vaughn Charlton. Clearly, it's up for grabs. Just as clearly, it would help if someone took control. The earlier the better.

Running Backs Tim Brown is back, after missing last season due to academic issues. Three years ago, he was a junior college All-American. Newcomer Kee-Ayre Griffin, who might have been Golden's top recruit, should get his opportunities. The Owls also plan on utilizing a fullback in a variety of situations.

Receivers Golden likes what he sees here, which is depth and experience. It doesn't hurt that he also landed Jason Simmons, a 6'5", 200-pounder out of central New Jersey. It remains to be seen who will emerge. Or maybe it'll be catching by committee. Whatever works.

Offensive Linemen There's a whole bunch of bodies that need to be replaced. If nothing else, there are openings available. They'll even be moving some people in from other positions. Jabari Ferguson played in 10 games as a redshirt freshman. However it unfolds, this unit figures to be young.

NUMBERS GAME

117 Temple ranked 117th out of 117 teams in the nation last season in five categories — total offense, scoring offense, scoring defense, pass efficiency defense and net punting.

Defensive Linemen Even though the Owls have lost four starters up front, Golden views that as an area of strength. Senior Neil Dickson has become the leader of this group. Doug Morris, a former Auburn recruit, was sidelined by injury last year after transferring. This is his last season of eligibility. He's added 35 pounds since he arrived on North Broad Street.

Linebackers Ryan Gore is Temple's most experienced player, having played in almost every game the last three years. He had 60 tackles in 2005. First-year sophomore Ryan Herting is a transfer from Pitt. Keith Holt, a former safety, brings a great deal of athleticism to the position. And Walter Mebane played in every game as a first-year junior.

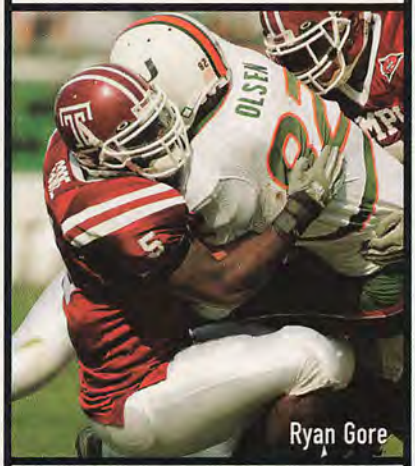
Defensive Backs This has always been one of Temple's glaring weaknesses. Chris Page and Garrett Schultz are returning starters. David Reese, a projected starter who became academically ineligible, is back. And there's some decent depth. Freshman Anthony Ferla could be the lockdown cover guy the Owls have been missing.

Specialists Golden readily admits there's work to do in the kicking game, which recently has really cost the Owls some games. That obviously can't continue. There will be competition, for placekicker and punter. Junior Danny Murphy, a former walk-on, is the only guy with college experience. There will also be auditions for return men.

TWO-MINUTE DRILL

A QUICK LOOK AT THE OWLS

Most everything is new, right down to the attitude. It would be foolish to underestimate Al Golden's impact on this situation. But he still hasn't won a game yet. Of course, he hasn't lost any, either. This season isn't so much about the bottom line, as it is about simply, finally, taking a step in the opposite direction. Everyone involved with the program just needs to feel good about themselves again. It's not going to happen in one season, or maybe even two. This is a process. The MAC might not be a BCS conference, but it might just be the right fit. Only time will tell. But it sure beats the alternative, which might have been to stop playing. Nobody's saying the Owls have to contend for a MAC title in the next few years, although that's certainly Golden's expectation. First things first. If he can make the Owls respectable, where they're no longer everybody's favorite punch line, that's a major step in itself. It's tough to see them winning more than a few games this season. But they should at least be much more competitive. Which, for right now, is enough to ask. If you lay the proper foundation, all that other good stuff should follow.


Ryan Gore

2006 SCHEDULE

A.	**31**	**at Buffalo**	*
S.	9	Louisville	L
S.	16	at Minnesota	L
S.	23	at Western Michigan	L
S.	30	at Vanderbilt	L
O.	**7**	**Kent State**	*
O.	12	#Clemson	L
O.	21	at Northern Illinois	L
O.	28	Bowling Green	L
N.	4	Central Michigan	L
N.	11	at Penn State	L
N.	18	at Navy	L
		#Charlotte, NC	

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

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2006 TEMPLE ROSTER

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
Case, Andrew	QB	5'9"	185	Fr.	Folcroft, PA
8 Clancy, Colin	QB	6'0"	195	So.	Stonington, CT
13 DeSanzo, Joe	QB	6'2"	210	So.	Ellwood City, PA
11 Dunston, Jarrett	QB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Raleigh, NC
17 Kelly, Shane	QB	6'4"	215	So.	Basking Ridge, NJ
Procopio, Joe	QB	6'2"	200	Jr.	Calvert, MD
Scott, Jason	QB	5'11"	200	Jr.	Baltimore, MD
Running Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
7 Brown, Tim	RB	5'8"	185	Sr.	Stockton, CA
39 Bundy, Josh	FB	5'10"	240	Jr.	Ambler, PA
Channell, Terrell	RB	5'7"	160	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
34 Harper, Jason	RB	5'9"	195	Fr.	Budd Lake, NJ
Josiah, Karsaul	RB	5'9"	205	Sr.	Bristol, PA
Leach, Sammy	FB	5'10"	215	Jr.	Mitchellville, MD
Metz, Jonathan	RB	5'8"	190	So.	Soudertown, PA
32 Neal, Mike	FB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Somerville, MA
Receivers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
Amin, Nadir	WR	5'11"	165	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
Bartocci, Phil	WR	6'0"	195	Fr.	Scranton, PA
85 Clark, Maurice	WR	6'3"	200	Fr.	Lake Elsinore, CA
Davis, James	WR	5'9"	155	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
Fertig, John	WR	6'1"	190	Jr.	Harrisburg, PA
Fisher, Brent	TE	6'3"	215	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
82 Francis, Bruce	WR	6'0"	175	So.	Sicklerville, NJ
Gates, David	WR	5'10"	175	So.	Levittown, PA
2 Hamilton, Domerio	WR	6'0"	195	Sr.	Wichita, KS
10 Harris, Jamel	WR	6'0"	190	Sr.	Shrewsbury, NJ
84 Hendy, Ben	TE	6'3"	235	So.	Sandy, UT
3 Holley, Mike	WR	5'9"	185	Sr.	Washington, DC
Louis, Joshua	WR	6'0"	175	Fr.	Spring Valley, NY
Manger, Travis	TE	6'3"	230	So.	Newtown, PA
87 McGrath, Bill	TE	6'5"	245	Fr.	Moose Jaw, SK
Poe, Isham	TE	6'4"	195	So.	Deptford, NJ
14 Santa Cruz, Nick	WR	5'7"	165	Sr.	Phoenix, AZ
22 Shelton, Travis	WR	5'11"	185	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
37 Stockman, Gary	WR	5'6"	160	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
Whiteside, Deon	WR	6'1"	185	Sr.	Stockton, CA
Offensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
79 Battle, Dwavon	OL	6'2"	315	So.	Richmond, VA
68 Denman, Leigh	OL	6'6"	315	Sr.	Succasunna, NJ
59 Derenthal, Alex	C	6'4"	280	So.	Davie, FL
71 Ferguson, Jabari	T	6'4"	295	So.	Miami, FL
67 Hanna, Marcos	OL	6'1"	285	So.	Lansdale, PA
Hill, Terry	OL	6'3"	255	Jr.	Conshohocken, PA
75 Manor III, Brison	OL	6'3"	280	So.	Sherwood, AR
63 Margulies, Evan	OL	6'3"	315	Jr.	Hillsborough, NJ
55 Sanders, Tariq	OL	6'6"	310	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
97 Satchell, Sean	OL	6'3"	315	So.	Cherry Hill, NJ
70 Seifert, Elliot	T	6'7"	300	Sr.	Reading, PA
65 Spitale, Carl	OL	6'8"	330	Fr.	West Palm Beach, FL
Defensive Linemen	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
98 Dickson, Neil	DT	6'4"	280	Sr.	Winfield, KS
50 Fatherly, David	DE	6'2"	255	Sr.	Williamsport, PA
92 Knighton, Terrance	DT	6'4"	325	So.	Windsor, CT
90 Morris, Doug	DE	6'3"	280	Sr.	Pensacola, FL
94 Simpson, Philip	DL	6'2"	275	So.	Miami, FL
61 Smith, Alston	DT	6'0"	290	So.	Richmond, VA
73 Tyler, Devin	DE	6'6"	250	Fr.	Suitland, MD
Linebackers	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
41 Armstrong, Kevin	LB	6'3"	240	So.	Baltimore, MD
93 Azubuike, Leyon	LB	6'3"	245	So.	East Stroudsburg, PA
Buffaloe, Bryce	LB	6'1"	245	Fr.	Berlin, CT
56 Coleman, Andrew	LB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Silver Spring, MD
5 Gore, Ryan	LB	6'0"	225	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
27 Herting, Ryan	LB	6'2"	215	So.	Harrisburg, PA
43 Holt, Keith	LB	6'1"	215	So.	Williamstown, NJ
51 McGill, James	LB	5'10"	240	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
44 Mebane, Walter	LB	6'0"	225	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
48 Powell, Matt	LB	5'11"	215	Jr.	Berlin, CT
Wadley, Jordan	LB	6'3"	195	Fr.	New Cumberland, PA
42 Yasenchak, Vince	LB	6'1"	230	Jr.	Kulpmont, PA
Defensive Backs	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
1 Brinson, Wilbert	DB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Cheltenham, MD
Capehart, Varney	DB	6'2"	185	Jr.	Willingboro, NJ
29 Coleman, Georg	CB	6'0"	180	So.	Levittown, PA
28 Cooper, Jr., Evan	CB	5'10"	185	So.	Miami, FL
Graves, Karl	DB	5'9"	175	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
33 Hardemon, Willie	DB	6'0"	170	Jr.	Miami, FL
21 Harris, Dominique	DB	6'3"	190	Fr.	Washington, DC
Kargbo, Sulaiman	DB	5'7"	185	Fr.	Lanham, MD
Liddie, Eugene	DB	5'11"	180	Sr.	Jamaica Queens, NY
Lofaro, Thomas	DB	6'0"	200	So.	Adelphi, MD
26 Loveland, Michael	DB	6'0"	190	Sr.	Langhorne, PA
35 Manyoga, Thato	DB	5'10"	170	Jr.	Deptford, NJ
23 McAllister, Nickolas	CB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
McLaughlin, Charles	DB	5'11"	200	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
Mitchell, Taufeeq	DB	5'10"	190	Jr.	Atlantic City, NJ
Nobles, Aaron	DB	5'10"	190	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
Oyeyemi, Abioye	DB	5'10"	185	Jr.	Minneapolis, MN
24 Page, Chris	CB	5'10"	175	Sr.	Aurora, CO
6 Reese, David	CB	5'11"	180	Sr.	Washington, DC
9 Schultz, Garrett	DB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Lyndon, KS
25 Sheppard, Richard	DB	6'0"	195	So.	Philadelphia, PA
Specialists	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**CL**	**Hometown**
Blagburn, Kai	K	5'9"	170	Fr.	Washington, DC
47 Brownell, Jake	K/P	5'10"	195	Fr.	Thorofare, NJ
18 Murphy, Danny	K	5'8"	175	Jr.	Centreville, VA
30 Pettinelli, Mike	K	5'9"	160	Sr.	West Chester, PA

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (5)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	**10**	**Jamel Harris**	**Sr.**
WR	2	Domerio Hamilton	Sr.
LT	71	Jabari Ferguson	So.
LG	97	Sean Satchell	So.
C	**59**	**Alex Derenthal**	**So.**
RG	63	Evan Margulies	Jr.
RT	**70**	**Elliot Seifert**	**Sr.**
TE	**84**	**Ben Hendy**	**So.**
QB	13	Joe DeSanzo	So.
FB	**39**	**Josh Bundy**	**Jr.**
RB	7	Tim Brown	Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
WR	85	Maurice Clark	Fr.
WR	3	Mike Holley	Sr.
LT	75	Brison Manor	So.
LG	55	Tariq Sanders	Sr.
C	63	Evan Margulies	Jr.
RG	79	Dwavon Battle	So.
RT	65	Carl Spitale	Fr.
TE	87	Bill McGrath	Fr.
QB	17	Shane Kelly	So.
FB	32	Mike Neal	Jr.
RB	34	Jason Harper	Fr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (3)

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	73	Devin Tyler	Fr.
NT	98	Neil Dickson	Sr.
DE	61	Alston Smith	So.
OLB	93	Leyon Azubuike	So.
ILB	43	Keith Holt	So.
ILB	44	Walter Mebane	Sr.
OLB	**5**	**Ryan Gore**	**Sr.**
CB	28	Evan Cooper	So.
CB	**24**	**Chris Page**	**Sr.**
S	25	Richard Sheppard	So.
S	**9**	**Garrett Schultz**	**Sr.**

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
DE	50	David Fatherly	Sr.
NT	92	Terrance Knighton	So.
DE	90	Doug Morris	Sr.
OLB	41	Kevin Armstrong	So.
ILB	56	Andrew Coleman	Jr.
ILB	42	Vince Yasenchak	So.
OLB	27	Ryan Herting	So.
CB	29	Georg Coleman	So.
CB	6	David Reese	Sr.
S	26	Michael Loveland	Sr.
S	21	Dominique Harris	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Class
K	18	Danny Murphy	Jr.
P	47	Jake Brownell	Fr.
PR	14	Nick Santa Cruz	Sr.
KR	22	Travis Shelton	So.

Returning Starters In Bold

Head Coach: Al Golden
Record at School: First Season
Career Record: First Season
Offensive Coordinator: George DeLeone
Defensive Coordinator: Mark D'Onofrio
Philadelphia, Pa.
Lincoln Financial Field (68,532)

2006 SIGNEES

Terrance Banks	DT	6'1"	275	Newark, NJ
Wilbert Brinson	DB	6'0"	190	Cheltenham, MD
Marcus Brown	TE	6'4"	250	Upper Marlboro, MD
Bryce Carter	OL	6'3"	315	Freehold, NJ
Vaughn Charlton	QB	6'4"	210	Landenberg, PA
Dy'Onne Crudup	WR	5'9"	165	New Haven, CT
Jarrett Dunston	QB	6'3"	225	Raleigh, NC
Anthony Ferla	DB	5'10"	190	Waldwick, NJ
Junior Gallette	LB	6'2"	215	Spring Valley, NY
Kee-Ayre Griffin	RB	5'10"	185	East Orange, NJ
Jason Harper	RB	5'9"	195	Budd Lake, NJ
Le'Ron Irwin	LB	6'2"	205	Stamford, CT
Steve Maneri	TE	6'6"	225	Saddle Brook, NJ
Darius Morris	OL	6'4"	290	Long Branch, NJ
Andre Neblett	DE	6'2"	275	Rahway, NJ
Dave Nwasike	DE	6'2"	240	Marietta, GA
John Palumbo	OL	6'5"	265	Lyndhurst, NJ
Dale Parris	WR	6'0"	180	Millville, NJ
Millage Peaks	LB	6'2"	215	Culver City, CA
Jeremiah Pitt	DB	6'0"	200	Philadelphia, PA
Brian Sanford	LB	6'2"	230	Hartford, CT
Jason Simmons	WR	6'5"	200	Matawan, NJ
Charles Smith	OL	6'6"	340	Bowie, MD

Golden was hired in early December. But in less than two months, he and his staff were able to put together what they believe is a home run of a class. They targeted 12 prospects in particular, and got every one of them. "That's never happened, at any place I've been," Golden says. He got only two players from Pennsylvania but did extremely well in his native New Jersey. Golden and his staff basically signed somebody at every position. Fifteen were captains in high school. Eight won championships. Out of 45 official visits, only one player didn't have a "positive" experience. And he came back two weeks later, unofficially, and committed. They got kids who had offers from schools in the Big East and MAC, which can't be a bad sign.

2005 RESULTS

Record: 0–11

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Att.
S. 1	at Arizona State	L	16–63	50,049
S. 10	at Wisconsin	L	0–65	81,806
S. 17	Toledo	L	17–42	9,055
S. 24	Western Michigan	L	16–19	8,922
O. 1	at Bowling Green	L	7–70	19,462
O. 8	Maryland	L	7–38	11,311
O. 15	Miami	L	3–34	23,129
O. 22	at Clemson	L	7–37	75,000
O. 29	Miami (Ohio)	L	14–41	11,257
N. 5	at Virginia	L	3–51	57,060
N. 19	at Navy	L	17–38	30,261

2005 INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Mike McGann	250	122	1,469	3	13
Joe DeSanzo	**54**	**24**	**212**	**0**	**0**
Rushing	**Att.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Umar Ferguson	191	701	3.7	5	
Michael Billops	44	165	3.8	1	
Josh Bundy	**16**	**39**	**2.4**	**3**	
Receiving	**Rec.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**TD**	
Bruce Gordon	42	601	14.3	1	
Brian Allbrooks	22	238	10.8	1	

Kicking: Ryan Lux, 5-9 FGs, 12-13 XPs, 27 points
Tackles: Manuel Tapia, 100; **Garrett Schultz, 91**
Sacks: Mike Mendenhall, 7
Interceptions: Ray Lamb, 2

Returning Players in Bold

THE BACK PAGE

Here it is — the season at a glance. We've projected this year's records for all 119 Division I-A teams, although we've hedged our bets again with the "swing game" designation (the third number in each record). Worth noting: The lowest-ranked team without a sure loss is Toledo at No. 53. The highest-ranked team without a sure win: Air Force, at No. 91.

TOP 25

1.	OKLAHOMA	11–0–1
2.	NOTRE DAME	10–0–2
3.	USC	10–0–2
4.	OHIO STATE	10–0–2
5.	FLORIDA	8–0–4
6.	WEST VIRGINIA	11–0–1
7.	TEXAS	10–0–2
8.	CALIFORNIA	10–0–2
9.	AUBURN	9–0–3
10.	LOUISVILLE	10–0–2
11.	LSU	9–0–3
12.	CLEMSON	10–0–2
13.	MICHIGAN	9–0–3
14.	MIAMI	9–0–3
15.	GEORGIA	9–0–3
16.	IOWA	9–1–2
17.	FLORIDA STATE	9–0–3
18.	TCU	10–0–2
19.	OREGON	7–3–2
20.	TENNESSEE	5–1–6
21.	VIRGINIA TECH	9–0–3
22.	TEXAS TECH	8–2–2
23.	UTAH	8–0–4
24.	ARIZONA STATE	7–2–3
25.	NEBRASKA	9–2–1

26.	WISCONSIN	8–1–3
27.	BOISE STATE	10–0–2
28.	SOUTH CAROLINA	6–4–2
29.	UCLA	6–3–3
30.	ARKANSAS	6–3–3
31.	PURDUE	8–2–3
32.	GEORGIA TECH	7–4–1
33.	TEXAS A&M	7–2–3
34.	ALABAMA	7–3–2
35.	PENN STATE	6–3–3
36.	BOSTON COLLEGE	6–4–2
37.	BYU	8–1–3
38.	RUTGERS	6–2–4
39.	FRESNO STATE	9–2–1
40.	ARIZONA	4–5–3
41.	WAKE FOREST	6–3–3
42.	NAVY	8–1–3
43.	MICHIGAN STATE	4–3–5
44.	UTEP	8–1–3
45.	UCF	8–1–3
46.	KANSAS	6–1–5
47.	IOWA STATE	3–5–4
48.	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	8–2–2
49.	PITTSBURGH	5–2–5
50.	MISSOURI	5–4–3
51.	NORTH CAROLINA	2–5–5
52.	COLORADO	3–5–4
53.	TOLEDO	8–0–4
54.	TULSA	6–1–5
55.	SAN DIEGO STATE	6–4–2
56.	NORTHWESTERN	4–6–2
57.	SOUTH FLORIDA	4–3–5
58.	MINNESOTA	4–7–1
59.	MARYLAND	3–6–3
60.	SOUTHERN MISS	5–3–4
61.	WASHINGTON STATE	2–7–3
62.	OREGON STATE	3–6–4
63.	COLORADO STATE	6–4–2
64.	HOUSTON	6–1–5
65.	HAWAII	7–4–2
66.	NC STATE	2–5–5
67.	OLE MISS	1–7–4
68.	EAST CAROLINA	4–3–5
69.	CONNECTICUT	4–6–2
70.	VIRGINIA	3–5–4
71.	BAYLOR	2–8–2
72.	KENTUCKY	3–6–3
73.	KANSAS STATE	3–7–2
74.	STANFORD	1–7–4
75.	VANDERBILT	3–7–2
76.	MIAMI OH	7–1–4
77.	MEMPHIS	3–5–4
78.	INDIANA	3–7–2
79.	NEW MEXICO	3–7–2
80.	NEVADA	4–5–3
81.	OKLAHOMA STATE	3–7–2
82.	MISSISSIPPI STATE	3–7–2
83.	WASHINGTON	1–9–2
84.	WYOMING	1–7–4
85.	SMU	5–5–2
86.	MARSHALL	2–7–3
87.	LOUISIANA TECH	6–6–1
88.	AKRON	5–3–4
89.	ILLINOIS	2–8–2
90.	CINCINNATI	1–8–3
91.	AIR FORCE	0–8–4
92.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	5–5–2
93.	SYRACUSE	0–9–3
94.	UAB	1–9–2
95.	UNLV	1–8–3
96.	BALL STATE	4–6–2
97.	TULANE	0–9–3
98.	DUKE	0–11–1
99.	UL LAFAYETTE	8–3–1
100.	OHIO	3–4–4
101.	WESTERN MICHIGAN	2–7–3
102.	ARMY	2–6–4
103.	BOWLING GREEN	4–6–2
104.	RICE	0–9–3
105.	ARKANSAS STATE	3–4–5
106.	UTAH STATE	0–9–3
107.	EASTERN MICHIGAN	1–8–3
108.	TROY	2–5–5
109.	IDAHO	1–8–3
110.	NORTH TEXAS	1–6–5
111.	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	3–5–4
112.	SAN JOSE STATE	1–8–3
113.	NEW MEXICO STATE	2–7–3
114.	KENT STATE	0–10–2
115.	FLA. INTERNATIONAL	0–7–5
116.	UL MONROE	1–7–4
117.	BUFFALO	0–10–2
118.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	0–9–2
119.	TEMPLE	0–10–2

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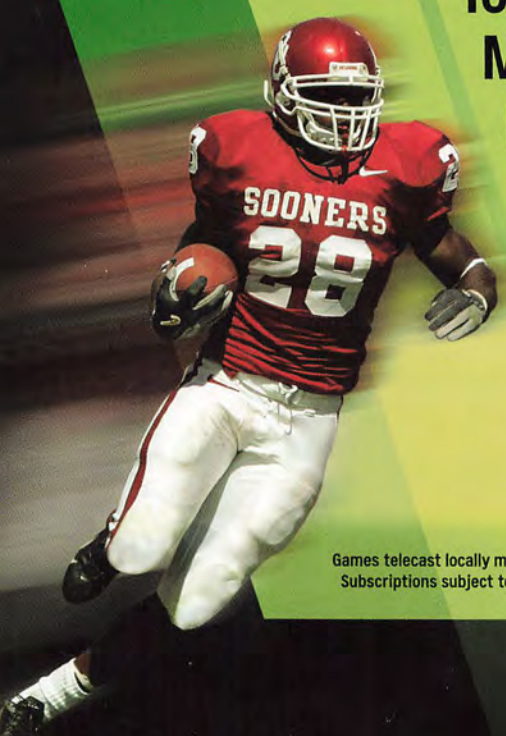

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